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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

COURSE GUIDE 2024

YEARS 7 - 9

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Message from the Principal

Education opens up many pathways. The College provides a broad, holistic curriculum that aims to engage and challenge our students, demand excellence of them whilst developing their minds, body and spirit. It is hoped that the broad educational perspectives provided at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College will encourage students to discover and pursue individual interests and pathways. These subjects will aim to equip students with essential thinking and communication skills required of them postschooling, enabling them to become productive members of an ever-changing community.

To ensure your junior years at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College are enjoyable and productive, the College offers a range of core subjects in Years 7 & 8 before introducing electives after that. All students experience a variety of subjects from different curriculum areas and learning styles ensuring they have the skills and knowledge required to choose their individual pathway which will set them up for their future. Your subject selections should:

- consider the subjects you may wish to choose in your senior years, including VCE units.
- reflect possible future pathways you may choose to follow.
- ensure a breadth of subjects that will maximise the pathways open to you.
- reflect the subjects you enjoy and the ones that you are good at.

I encourage you to seek information, guidance and support from all avenues available to you through this subject selection process. Collect as much information as you can. Talk to people, be inquisitive, do your research. If you know someone who has undertaken a subject of interest or has an interesting job, ask them what they did to get there. It is very important that you make your decision based on what is best for you. Do not decide based on what your friends intend to do. There are several steps to follow that will help you make your decisions. Do not jump them. Work through them systematically. Remember the most crucial step is identifying, "Who am I and what would I like to do?"

Within this Course Guide you will find the details of the subjects on offer for our students in Years 7 – 9. I encourage you to take the time to read through this guide carefully.

Good luck and enjoy your journey.

MR ROBERT BRENNAN
PRINCIPAL



Introduction

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is focused on students' key developmental learning needs at each phase of their secondary schooling.

While respecting single-sex education at junior secondary level, the College provides a broad range of programs to ensure that all students have opportunities to pursue new challenges and experiences.

The Years 7 – 9 College Course Guide is an overview of the learning and teaching programs offered at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College for the 2024 academic year. This guide is designed to provide a clear explanation of the academic program for students at Years 7 – 9, as well as all of the information students and their parents will need to make informed choices about selecting courses of study where available.

The 2024 Course Guide comprises of:

- introductory notes, including a message from the Principal and a statement on Australian Democratic Principles.
- an overview of the curriculum at Years 7 – 9
- a description of the elective subject offerings for students in Year 9

If students have any questions about their program, or selecting subjects in Years 7 – 9, they should speak to:

- their Learner Mentor,
- their subject teachers,
- their Year Level Coordinator, or
- the Director of Vocational Education.

MRS LAURA RUDDICK

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – LEARNING AND TEACHING

OUR VISION

To be the leader in learning excellence in our community.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate and prepare our students to be the best they are called to be within a faith-filled and inclusive environment.

OUR VALUES

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College we achieve our vision and mission by valuing:

Faith

We live faith-filled lives and give thanks daily.

Acceptance

We respect and embrace the community.

Compassion

We care and do what is right and just.

Excellence

We strive for and celebrate every success.

A Statement on Australian Democratic Principles

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is committed to upholding and promoting the principles and practices of Australian democracy through both its daily operations and its learning and teaching programs.

This includes a commitment to:

- elected government
- the rule of law
- equal rights for all before the law
- freedom of religion
- freedom of speech and association
- the values of openness and tolerance.

Instrumental Music Program and College Ensembles

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, students have the opportunity to undertake concentrated studies on a specific instrument.

To join the Instrumental Program, students are required to complete an Application Form. The Instrumental Program fees are charged separately.

The College offers tuition on the following instruments:

- flute, clarinet and saxophone
- trumpet and trombone
- acoustic guitar, electric guitar and bass guitar
- violin, viola and cello
- percussion, keyboard and voice.

Opportunities to undertake a practical music exam through the Australian Music Education Board or equivalent are available for students learning an instrument.

All Year 7 and 8 students receive tuition on ukulele, acoustic guitar, drums and keyboard as part of their classroom music program. Students selected for the Encore Music stream at Year 7 in 2024 will receive tuition on a second instrument woodwind, brass, percussion or strings instead of guitar and keyboard.

Instrumental tuition plays a vital part for students considering studying Music at VCE level. Specialist training on a musical instrument is crucial to developing proficiency on a student's instrument of choice.

Additionally, students taking instrumental music lessons are given the opportunity to perform in an ensemble.

Our current College Music Ensembles include:

- keyboard ensemble
- choirs: Men in Black, Sacred Heart Choir and Christ the King Choir
- string ensemble
- guitar ensemble
- jazz band
- rock band

There is also an opportunity for students to work on their composition skills and their theory knowledge.

Outdoor Education

The College's Outdoor Education program promotes students' personal development while encouraging teamwork and positive attitudes towards the environment.

All students in Years 7 – 9 participate in a sequential Outdoor Education program that safely builds on their skills year-by-year under the supervision of our qualified and experienced outdoor education staff. The program is viewed as part of the curriculum, as students receive instruction and experience in important areas such as fitness, bush-craft, first aid, personal development and interpersonal skills. Activities are non-competitive and can include camping, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, cooking, rock climbing, surfing and cross-country skiing.

Many of the activities are held at Garema Dumont – a 56-acre outdoor and environmental education facility on the Moorabool River near Meredith owned and operated by the College.

It is College policy that each student in Years 7 – 9 attend their scheduled camp. Non-attendance will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

Students interested in this area can choose to pursue further studies in Year 10, 11 and 12 by undertaking the subject Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Reflection Day Program

As a part of the College's Faith Formation program, all students participate in a series of compulsory Reflection Days throughout the school year.

The Year 7 – 9 Reflection Day program is one which works both within and alongside the Religious Education curriculum and provides an opportunity for students to further explore their spirituality and faith life, as well as the religious and historical traditions of our Caroline Chisholm Catholic College community.

This is achieved through guest speakers, seminars, liturgical events, workshops, excursions and activities that reflect our College vision and mission, both at the College and in the wider community, in a safe and supportive environment.

Curriculum Overview

	Core Subjects		Elective Pathway
	YEAR LONG	SEMESTER LENGTH	
Year 7 & Year 8 Including Aspire	Religious Education English Mathematics Science Health and Physical Education Humanities	Year 7 and 8 students will undertake studies in the following areas over the two-year period: Design and Digital Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Technology • Textiles and Fashion • Product Design and Technology • Robotics Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music • Encore Music (by application only) Performing Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drama Visual Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts 	In Year 7 students commit to learning one language for the duration of Years 7 and 8. Select ONE from: Chinese Italian Japanese Aspire students study Japanese in Year 7 and Year 8.
Year 9 Including Aspire	Religious Education English Mathematics Science Health and Physical Education Humanities		Year 9 students choose four of the following semester length courses: Design and Digital Technologies - Food Technology, Product Design and Technology, Textiles and Fashion, Systems Engineering, Programming, Web Authoring. Languages - Italian, Japanese, Chinese Performing Arts - Dance, Drama Visual Arts - Media, Visual Art, Visual Communication Design Music - Music

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Religious Education

The Religious Education program at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College provides students with an opportunity to further explore their faith life and the religious and historical traditions of the College community, in a safe and supportive environment.

Supported by the prayer, sacramental and liturgical life of the College, the formal Religious Education program allows students to make links between their every-day life experience and the activity of God in their lives and in the whole of Creation. Striving to live Gospel truths and values, students will have the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the stories and teachings found within the Scriptures and the traditions of the Catholic community, at the heart of which is the call to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.



Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students develop knowledge and understanding about religion in general, with a focus on the Judaic origins of Christianity. They encounter the ideas of community, sacred space and places of worship. Students are introduced to Catholic Social Teaching with a focus on stewardship of the environment. Learning unfolds as a process that respects the diverse cultures, worldviews and backgrounds of students and actively engages them with Catholic beliefs and values relevant to their learning.

Areas of Study

- identity and community
- creation
- stewardship

Assessment Items

- written analysis
- personal reflection
- research project
- oral presentation
- test

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students develop knowledge and understanding about religion in general, with a focus on the Gospel account of the life of Jesus. They encounter the ethical notion of what it means to be an “upstander”, comparing the teachings of Jesus and the Buddha. Students investigate the concept of human dignity, scripturally, historically and through contemporary issues, such as homelessness and slavery. Learning unfolds as a process that respects the diverse cultures, worldviews and backgrounds of students and actively engages them with Catholic beliefs and values relevant to their learning.

Areas of Study

- being an upstander
- laws
- dignity

Assessment Items

- written analysis
- personal reflection
- research project
- oral presentation
- test

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students develop knowledge and understanding about religion in general. They are introduced to the relationship between Christianity and Islam. Students explore the place of Mary in the Abrahamic religions and her preeminent status in the Catholic tradition. Students examine the early Catholic Church in Australia with a focus on Caroline Chisholm, “the Immigrants Friend”. With Caroline Chisholm’s story in mind, students encounter the contemporary issue of refugees in Australia. Learning unfolds as a process that respects the diverse cultures, worldviews and backgrounds of students and actively engages them with Catholic beliefs and values relevant to their learning.

Areas of Study

- Mary
- the Catholic Church in Australia
- Christian education for personal development

Assessment Items

- written analysis
- personal reflection
- research project
- oral presentation
- test

Design and Digital Technologies

In an increasingly technological and complex world, it is important students develop knowledge and confidence to critically analyse and respond creatively to design challenges.

In the Design and Digital Technologies curriculum, students create quality designed solutions across a range of technologies contexts. Students consider the economic, environmental and social impacts of technological change and how the choice and use of technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. Students also take into account the ethical, legal, aesthetic and functional factors that inform the design processes.

At Years 7 and 8 students will complete one semester from the Design and Digital Technologies learning area each year.

Students are able to select their preference from the following context areas:

- Food Technology
- Textiles and Fashion
- Product and Systems Design
- Robotics



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Design and Digital Technologies

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Core

One Semester

Food Technology

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will design and make food products that over the course of the semester increase in challenge and skill. They will be required to complete assessment tasks that document the various stages of the product design process. Students will research the origins of food and apply sustainable thinking to reduce food waste throughout production tasks.

Students learn to work safely and hygienically by developing skills and cooking techniques that are linked to a variety of diverse cultures. Additionally, students will assess the importance of healthy eating as they research and apply the recommendations outlined in the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating food model.

Areas of Study

- food preparation and production
- safety and hygiene for food handling
- selection and use of appropriate tools and equipment
- Australian Guide to Healthy Eating food model
- sustainability and reducing food waste
- origins of food

Assessment Items

- design project
- food production skills
- production sensory evaluations

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Core

One Semester

Textiles and Fashion

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are introduced to the world of textiles and fashion. Students develop their creativity and technical skills as they design and produce a textiles product. They build their understanding of the design process and apply to produce a sewing project. They create a range of suitable design options to meet the criteria outlined in a design brief and develop their illustration and rendering skills. Students research and apply sustainability strategies such as zero waste design throughout design and production. They learn to use a sewing machine for decorative and construction purposes and develop an understanding of safety practices in a workshop environment.

Areas of Study

- product design process
- elements and principles of design
- sewing machine techniques
- hand and machine embroidery, applique fabric dyeing, screen printing and other specialist surface embellishments
- safe use of tools and machinery
- sustainability and zero waste design

Assessment Items

- design folio
- production of textile or fashion product
- evaluating the product design process and final product

Y7-8

Design and Digital Technologies

C Core

One Semester

Product Design and Technology

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will follow the product design process to design and make products from materials with an aesthetic and functional focus for a specified end-user. Students will learn the basics of designing and making products using product design, electronic and programming components.

Tasks will allow for learning about the properties of different materials, joining methods, and how to safely produce products and electronic systems using machinery and hand tools in a workshop environment. Students will research and apply sustainable practices throughout the designing and production stages of their product.

Areas of Study

- safety in the workshop using hand tools and machinery.
- pitch design and feedback
- product design process
- joining methods
- apply practical skills to manufacture designs and objects.
- sustainability in design and production

Assessment Items

- design folio
- production of product
- evaluation of the product design process and final product

C Core

One Semester

Robotics

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will develop code to control mechanical and electrical hardware. Students engage in a problem-solving thinking methodology to analyse a problem, design, develop and evaluate their proposed solution in relation to real world problems.

Students will develop their skills in programming and computational thinking while working in groups to accomplish tasks and activities. They will also explore a range of basic coding, in a variety of platforms and begin coding robots to achieve simple tasks or challenges. This will build their understanding of the world around them as they identify the need for technology and robotics.

Areas of Study

- interpreting design briefs
- designing programming algorithms
- programming with block-based coding
- production of combined hardware and software robotic systems
- evaluating robotic systems

Assessment Items

- demonstration of skills in programming
- design and construction of a robot
- evaluating designs and produced robotic systems

English

The Discipline of English encourages students to appreciate, enjoy and use language.

They develop a sense of its richness and its power to evoke feelings, to form and convey ideas, to inform, to persuade, to entertain and to argue. Students explore a wide range of contemporary and historical texts, and media in print and electronic forms including: fiction and non-fiction, personal writing, everyday communication, film and multi-modal texts.



Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students read and explore a range of narrative, persuasive and poetic texts, and develop the skills to respond to these texts using a range of modes from the creative and persuasive to the analytical. They engage in activities to build their command of vocabulary, punctuation, and grammar. They also participate in a reading program to enhance essential reading skills.

Areas of Study

- spooky stories
- persuasive writing
- novel study
- poetry

Assessment Items

- creative response
- persuasive response
- analytical response
- poetry anthology
- grammar tasks
- exam

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students read and respond to a range of texts and develop their skills in creative, analytical, personal and persuasive responses, as well as undertake a critical inquiry in response to a play. They engage in activities to further build their command of vocabulary, punctuation and grammar. Students continue to be supported in independent reading through the reading program.

Areas of Study

- picture book study
- novel study
- film as text
- critical inquiry

Assessment Items

- creative response
- persuasive response
- analytical response
- personal response
- grammar tasks
- exam

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students read and respond to a range of texts and develop their skills in film analysis and understanding of the themes, features and settings of a particular genre. They engage with a range of speeches and apply their learning to an oral point of view. Students develop foundational argument and language analysis skills, and they also engage in independent reading.

Areas of Study

- the art of persuasion
- film as text
- dystopian fiction
- argument and language analysis

Assessment Items

- persuasive presentation
- analytical response
- creative response
- reading/library hurdle task
- exam

Health and Physical Education

Health and Physical Education teaches students the importance and benefits of living a healthy and physically active lifestyle.

Students explore the physical, mental, social and emotional benefits of participation in regular physical activity, as well as enhancing their movement and motor skills.



Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students explore the physical, mental, social and emotional benefits of participation in regular physical activity, as well as enhancing their movement and motor skills.

Students focus on the importance of physical activity, developing an understanding of the importance of life-long participation in physical activity as well as, analysing factors affecting motor skill development in various activities. Students also look at the ways in which the relationships you form with people have an impact on your health and wellbeing.

Areas of Study

- body systems, bones and muscles
- positive relationships and puberty
- the great outdoors
- sun smart and water safety
- athletics and fundamental movement skills
- invasion and indigenous games
- swimming
- striking and fielding

Assessment Items

- practical participation
- swimming program participation
- tests
- brochures
- research tasks

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students focus on the importance of physical activity in their own lives. Students will explore factors that contribute to their safety and that of others in various settings including home, school, social situations and natural environments. They will take an in-depth look into the dangers associated with the use of drugs and alcohol and its effects on their physical health and wellbeing. Students will also look at the importance of good nutrition at all stages of their life.

Students within their practical classes will participate in various physical activities which look at developing their fundamental skills through movement, athletics and fitness. Students will also develop their understanding of various games throughout invasion games, striking and fielding units.

Areas of Study

- think safe, act safe, be safe
- drug and alcohol education
- mental health and wellbeing
- healthy people and healthy communities
- athletics
- net and wall sports
- swimming and water safety
- striking and fielding
- invasion games

Assessment Items

- practical participation
- swimming program participation
- research task
- persuasive writing task
- blog

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are actively involved in weekly practical classes with the aim to further develop and refine students' movement skills, focusing on identifying and implementing ways of improving the quality of their performance during games, physical activities, and sports. Students will also use various training principles and methods to develop their personal physical activity plan and evaluate how it contributed to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. These classes also cover a range of sports providing students with the opportunity to combine motor skills, strategic thinking, and tactical knowledge to improve, individual and team performance.

Areas of Study

- coaching and skill analysis
- physical activity plans
- positive relationships and sexual health
- social safety
- striking and fielding
- invasion games – football codes
- net and wall sports
- recreational community activities

Assessment Items

- practical participation
- swimming program participation
- motion analysis task
- fitness plan
- feature article
- infographic presentation

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Humanities

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Core

Year Long

Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students study geographical resources in particular water and its finite nature. Whilst studying place and liveability, students will focus on where they live and why they live where they do. In the economics course students will focus on work, understanding the different types of markets that exist and consumerism. In history, students will investigate the ancient world, exploring the earliest of human communities in Ancient Australia, Ancient China, and Ancient Greece.

Areas of Study

- water in the world
- place and liveability
- understanding the market
- consumer rights and responsibilities
- Ancient Australia
- Ancient China
- Ancient Greece

Assessment Items

- data collection
- comparative analysis
- source analysis
- inquiry task

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students study landforms and landscapes with a focus on indigenous cultural values of the land. Students will conduct geographical fieldwork as well as learning about migration and urbanisation trends. Additionally, students will investigate local issues and how to get involved in advocacy. Students will also explore emerging civilizations, as they investigate the early explorations of the Mediterranean and Asia-Pacific worlds.

Areas of Study

- landform and landscapes
- changing nations
- local citizenship and advocacy
- Medieval Europe
- Renaissance Italy

Assessment Items

- quantitative and qualitative analysis
- data collection and analysis
- case studies
- source analysis
- research task
- extended response task

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students study the distribution and characteristics of biomes and the environmental, economic and technological factors that influence food security across the globe. Students explore the ways that places and people are interconnected through trade in goods and services with a focus on the global economy. Students also analyse Australia's political system as well as its role as a global citizen. Whilst studying History, students unpack the Makings of the Modern World, examining rapid changes that provide context for understanding Australia's development and its global standing.

Areas of Study

- biomes and food security
- geographies of interconnections
- Australia and the global economy
- voting and the political process
- Industrial Revolution
- World War I

Assessment Items

- using geographical information systems
- business and economics test
- extended response task
- source analysis
- exam

Languages

Caroline Chisholm Catholic Colleges offers three language study options at our College.

Learning languages broadens students' horizons about the personal, social, cultural and employment opportunities that are available in an increasingly interconnected and

interdependent world. The interdependence of countries and communities requires people to negotiate experiences and meanings across languages and cultures.

A bilingual or plurilingual capability is the norm in most parts of the world.



Y7

Languages

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College offers three language study options in Year 7 – Japanese, Italian and Chinese.

A bilingual or plurilingual capability is the norm in most parts of the world. In Year 7, students commit to learning one language for the duration of Years 7 and 8. Please note that Year 7 language electives are preferences only and are subject to availability.

E Elective

Year Long

Chinese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students develop their knowledge of the grammatical system and its use through spoken and written communication. Students experiment with how messages are conveyed across languages and apply their skills in moving between Chinese and English in different contexts and situations.

Areas of Study

- myself
- my family
- my personal background
- Chinese cultures

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

E Elective

Year Long

Italian

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students acquire communication skills in Italian. They develop understanding about the role of language and culture in communication. The curriculum covers topics such as greetings, Carnevale, personal profiles and cultural activities.

Areas of Study

- Carnevale
- greetings
- nationalities
- numbers
- family and friends
- nature
- school

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

E Elective

Year Long

Japanese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students acquire communication skills in Japanese. They develop understanding about the role of language and culture in communication. Their reflections on language use and language learning are applied in other learning contexts. The curriculum explores Japanese culture through various topics such as food and family. Students are introduced to the three writing scripts of hiragana, katakana and kanji and use gestures and games to reinforce learning of grammar and vocabulary.

Areas of Study

- greetings/introductions/classroom instructions
- numbers
- countries and nationalities
- family
- pets
- food

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College offers three language studies in Year 8 – Chinese, Italian and Japanese.

In Year 8 students continue to learn the language they focused on in Year 7, ensuring that they will have a strong foundation if they choose to continue with language study into Year 9 and beyond. The Languages curriculum aims to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that students communicate in the language they are learning, understand the relationship between language, culture and learning, develop intercultural capabilities and understand themselves as communicators.

E

Elective

Year Long

Chinese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students endeavour to engage with new vocabulary and build on the grammar skills learned during Year 7. Students focus on speaking and listening, and classroom discussion aims to develop personal communication skills in areas of social communication, formal communication and using information provided from common resources.

Areas of Study

- daily routines
- hobbies
- food and drink
- Chinese cultural studies

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

E

Elective

Year Long

Italian

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students endeavour to engage with new vocabulary and build on their grammar skills, both in the written and oral form. Each unit of work is supported by a variety of activities, which include interactive programs to further develop cultural understanding.

Areas of Study

- Carnevale
- time
- shopping
- eating the Italian way
- the weather in Italy and Australia
- health and remedies
- pastimes
- my technical world

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

E

Elective

Year Long

Japanese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students experience communicative tasks, vocabulary, grammar, script work and cultural studies. Japanese language classes encourage the use of real language for communication.

Areas of Study

- dates and time
- hobbies and interests
- transport
- daily routines and free time
- making arrangements
- talking about the past

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

Literacy

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College runs an intensive literacy program for Year 7 and 8 students who would benefit from additional targeted lessons focusing on building literacy skills.

Students are invited to undertake this literacy subject in place of their language based on the results of academic testing.



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Literacy

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Core

Year Long

Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will build their literacy skills to better prepare them to succeed in their learning during their time at the College. Students develop an understanding of the basic parts of speech and the role they play in constructing sentences. Students practice spelling words with letter patterns and learn the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary. Students also participate in close reading activities, learning the skills needed to read for comprehension.

Areas of Study

- reading comprehension
- spelling
- grammar for writing

Assessment Items

- OnDemand testing
- spelling tests



Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

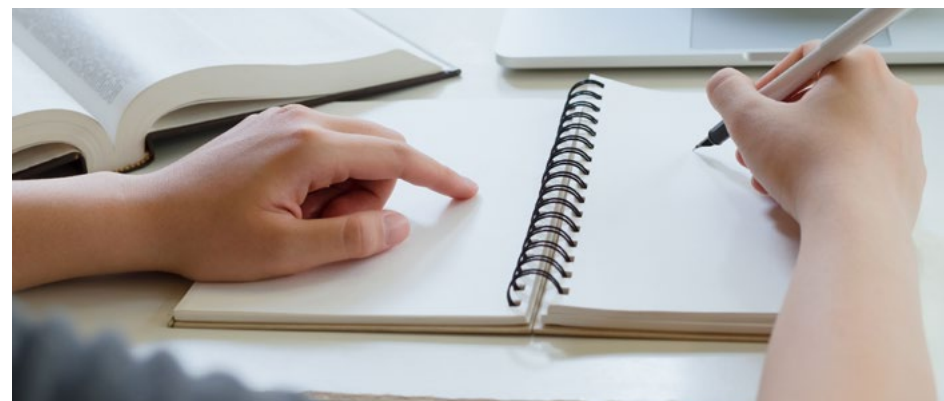
In this course students will continue to build their literacy skills to better prepare them to succeed in their learning during their time at the College. Students develop an understanding of how language is constructed and work on their ability to compose coherent and cohesive texts across all areas of the curriculum for a wide range of purposes. Students practice spelling words with letter patterns and learn the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary. Students also participate in close reading activities, learning the skills needed to read for comprehension.

Areas of Study

- reading comprehension
- spelling
- grammar for writing

Assessment Items

- OnDemand testing
- spelling tests



Mathematics

The proficiency strands understanding, fluency, problemsolving and reasoning are an integral part of mathematics content across the three content strands of number and algebra, measurement and geometry, statistics and probability.

The proficiencies reinforce the significance of working mathematically within the content and describe how the content is explored or developed. They provide the language to build in the developmental aspects of the learning of mathematics.



Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students develop skills in three areas of study: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Students work with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages investigating and exploring number properties to assist with calculation and order. They discover applications of how mathematics can be used in real life interpreting data and solving simple linear relationships. Students learn the formulas for calculating areas and volumes of basic shapes, and construct these using mathematical instruments.

Areas of Study

- whole numbers
- angles, lines and polygons
- integers and whole number patterns
- fractions, decimals and percentages
- algebra
- statistics
- linear relations

Assessment Items

- topic tests
- assignments/ projects
- inquiry-based learning
- checkpoint tasks
- exam

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students further develop their skills in three areas of study: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. After consolidating their proficiency of arithmetic operations, students investigate the relationship between decimal and fraction representations of rational numbers (terminating and recurring decimals) and work with some irrational real numbers such as square roots. Students learn to expand and factorise simple algebraic expressions and plot these on the Cartesian plane. Students develop measurement formulas and use logical connectives to relate events and calculate probabilities.

Areas of Study

- integers
- fractions, decimals and percentages
- measurement
- algebra
- geometry
- indices
- linear equations and linear graphs
- probability
- ratios and rates

Assessment Items

- topic tests
- assignments/ projects
- inquiry-based learning
- checkpoint tasks
- exam

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students further develop their skills in three areas of study: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. They develop familiarity with a broader range of functions, and related algebra applying index laws to a range of expressions. Students investigate financial mathematics and trigonometry, applying their skills to real life situations. They identify issues and questions involving categorical and numerical data, use back-to-back stem-plots and histograms to describe and compare the distribution of data in terms of location (centre), spread and symmetry or skew.

Areas of Study

- measurement
- algebra and indices
- linear equations
- linear graphs
- quadratics
- statistics
- financial mathematics
- trigonometry and pythagoras

Assessment Items

- topic tests
- assignments/ projects
- inquiry-based learning
- checkpoint tasks
- exam

Music

Students undertake compulsory studies in Music or Encore Music at Years 7 and 8.

Students are invited to enrol in the College Instrumental Program to learn a wide range of musical instruments.

There are numerous opportunities for students who learn an instrument in private

lessons to perform at college performance events, as well as to be assessed

through nationally accredited music institutions.



Y7

Music

C

Core

One Semester

Music

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are introduced to a variety of exciting instruments. Students purchase a ukulele to practice at school and at home and are given the opportunity to perform solos and in small groups. Singing, body percussion, drums, guitar and keyboard, are other instruments we explore in this one semester course. Music software such as Sibelius and Band Lab are used to develop composition and notation skills. Students are encouraged to get involved in one of our co-curricular ensembles and private instrumental tuition is available to those who would like to study an instrument in depth.

Areas of Study

- keyboard skills
- ukulele skills
- singing
- aural skills
- composition skills

Assessment Items

- solo performance
- train composition
- elements of music listening exam

Music - Encore

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students who already have experience on an instrument are invited to learn an orchestral instrument for use throughout Year 7 and 8. Students are encouraged to take their instruments home to practice and are expected to participate in our Big Band or a String Ensemble. Tuition from instrumental music specialists will be provided in class for students undertaking Encore Music. Students will perform at one of our Summer or Winter concerts.

Students who are enrolled in Year 7 Encore will be automatically rolled over into Year 8 Encore the following year.

Areas of Study

- instrumental skills on either a woodwind, brass, string or percussion instrument.
- singing
- aural skills
- composition skills
- music software

Assessment Items

- solo performance
- train composition
- elements of music listening exam

Music

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students study music from popular genres. They form small bands and perform on instruments including voice, keyboard, guitar and percussion. Students use music software to compose, arrange and mix their work. They also analyse popular music and learn the technical language to describe the use of music technology and studio effects. Software such as SoundTrap and Band Lab are used to develop composition and notation skills. Students are encouraged to get involved in one of our co-curricular ensembles and private instrumental tuition is available to those who would like to study an instrument in depth.

Areas of Study

- ensemble skills
- ukulele playing
- singing
- aural skills
- musical devices
- studio effects
- sequencing skills
- arranging skills

Assessment Items

- band performance
- The Four Chord Song arrangement
- popular music listening exam

Music - Encore

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will continue to work on the same orchestral instrument that they started in Year 7. Students are encouraged to take their instruments home to practice and are expected to participate in our Big Band or a String Ensemble. Tuition from instrumental music specialists will be provided in class for students undertaking this course. Students will perform at one of our Summer or Winter concerts. Students use music software to compose, arrange and mix their work. They also analyse popular music and learn the technical language to describe the use of music technology and studio effects.

Areas of Study

- instrumental skills on either a woodwind, brass, string or percussion instrument
- ukulele playing
- ensemble skills
- singing
- aural skills
- musical devices
- studio effects
- sequencing skills
- arranging skills

Assessment Items

- ensemble performance
- The Four Chord Song arrangement
- popular music listening exam

Performing Arts

Throughout Years 7 – 8, students will participate in one semester of drama as an introductory into Performing Arts.

There are many opportunities for students to showcase their talents during their time at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.



Drama

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students explore the expressive skills of voice, facial expression, movement and gesture to help tell a story and create character. Students are taught improvisation skills whilst learning the basic elements of drama (space, mood, sound and rhythm). These skills are enhanced by creating spooky and suspenseful stories by applying elements of climax, conflict, contrast, symbol and tension.

Students further develop the foundational skills of Drama with a focus on characterisation, collaboration and devising through creating a re-imagining of a Shakespearean scene of their choice.

Throughout this course students will also view a professional performance and complete an analysis of how dramatic elements are used in effective ways.

Areas of Study

- improvisation
- spooky & suspense
- Shakespeare
- expressive and performance skills
- dramatic elements

Assessment Items

- spooky & suspense performance
- Shakespeare re-imagined
- performance analysis



Science

Science in years 7 to 9 aims to lay a solid foundation for further studies in years 10 to 12, particularly in the disciplines of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics.

Science aims to ignite students' curiosity about the world we live in promoting thinking skills, at all levels. The focus is on explaining phenomena involving science and its applications. Relationships between aspects of the living, physical and chemical world are applied to systems on a local and global scale enabling students to predict how changes will affect different scientific systems. The Science Inquiry skills of questioning, predicting, planning, conducting, recording, processing, analysing, evaluating and communicating are embedded across each area of study.



Year 7

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will explore techniques for separating pure substances from mixtures, evidence for chemical changes, classification of living organisms and predicting the effect of environmental changes on food webs. Students will also learn about simple machines and analyse the effects of unbalanced forces. In Year 7, students will plan, conduct, and analyse scientific investigations through constructing questions, gathering and summarising data and communicating findings using appropriate scientific language and representations.

Areas of Study

- introduction to science
- states of matter
- mixtures
- our place in space
- forces
- classification and biodiversity
- food chains and food webs
- science inquiry skills

Assessment Items

- topic tests
- conduct and report on practical investigations
- model scientific theories
- inquiry investigation

Year 8

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students cover a range of scientific topics, including energy transfer, light and sound waves, chemical properties and behaviours of substances, cellular structure and function, rock formation and Earth geological systems. Students will learn to identify and construct scientific questions and problems, plan experiments, analyze data, and use scientific language and representations to communicate their findings. They will also consider ethical and accuracy considerations when planning investigations and apply their knowledge to evaluate claims made by others.

Areas of Study

- active earth
- cells and microscopes
- body systems
- elements and compounds
- chemical change
- energy (heat, light and sound)

Assessment Items

- topic tests
- practical reports
- research tasks
- exam

Year 9

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students continue to develop skills relating to scientific inquiry – asking questions, making predictions, designing, carrying out and reporting on investigations. They will develop these skills in the context of selected knowledge areas spread across the four strands of science: biology, chemistry, earth/space science and physics. In biology, the selected knowledge areas are ecosystems and selected human body systems. For earth/space science, students will explore earth plate tectonics. During studies in chemistry, students will look at atoms as the building blocks of all matter. They will learn the fundamentals of describing chemical reactions in their studies on acid-base chemistry. Finally, in physics, students will explore non-contact forces such as magnetism and electricity.

Areas of Study

- ecosystems
- immune system
- nervous and endocrine systems
- active earth
- atomic theory and periodic table
- acids and bases
- chemical reactions
- non-contact forces and electricity

Assessment Items

- projects
- topic tests
- practical investigation and reports
- oral presentation
- exam

Visual Arts

Throughout Years 7 – 8, students will participate in one semester of Visual Arts.

Students will create a folio of their work, and will have the opportunity to showcase their talents with some student's work being selected to be displayed at the College's Imagine Exhibition.



Y7-8

Visual Arts

C

Core

One Semester

Visual Arts

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are exposed to the elements and principles of art, through a creative study of various art making techniques. Making art using digital software will also be introduced to students at this level. Students use a visual diary to investigate, explore and record ideas. Students are introduced to art language, themes and artists in order to further their understanding of the meanings and messages in works of art.

Areas of Study

- two-dimensional art (traditional and/or contemporary)
- three-dimensional art (traditional and/or contemporary)
- digital art

Assessment Items

- two dimensional artwork/s with folio documentation
- three-dimensional artwork/s with folio documentation



Aspire

A

Accelerated and Enrichment Program

Year long

Entry to course

By invitation only – invitations are made to students based on the results of testing and performance in previous years.

COURSE OVERVIEW

At Caroline Chisholm Catholic College we are dedicated to learning excellence and committed to educating our students in a faith-filled and inclusive community, preparing them to be the best they are called to be.

As part of this commitment, the college runs an accelerated educational and enrichment program called Aspire for selected (Year 7 - 9) students.

The program is targeted towards students who share a passion and commitment for life-long learning and have exceptional abilities across multiple learning areas.

Aspire promotes excellence and is delivered through a rigorous enhanced and at times, accelerated curriculum.

Aspire utilises a guided inquiry model of integrated learning to stimulate critical and creative thinking and challenge students to pursue excellence through their distinctive abilities.

Aspire fosters individual strengths, interests, goals and imagination through targeted and collaborative curriculum planning that is responsive to the specific needs of each student.

Areas of Study

- English, Humanities, Religious Education
- Mathematics, Science
- Languages – Japanese
- Health and Physical Education

Assessment Items

Students will be assessed using a variety of methods including group work; project based inquiry tasks; classwork; speaking, listening and performance tasks; practicals and tests.



Year 9 Electives

Year 9 students must choose a total of four units of study from the Elective options. For specific instructions refer to the Year 9 Subject Selection Form.

Students that select from Languages, must complete the subject for both semester one and two.

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Y9

Design and Digital Technologies

E

Elective

One Semester

Food Technology

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will investigate and learn about the product design process through experiences in the kitchen. They will further develop knowledge of nutrition, food choices and complex cooking processes.

Food preparation skills are developed throughout production in the kitchen, using a range of tools and equipment that reinforce knowledge of food safety and hygiene practices.

Areas of Study

- reading and following recipes
- safety and hygiene rules for food handling
- kitchen tools and equipment safety
- food preparation skills
- the technology process
- the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating: Five food groups

Assessment Items

- design project
- food production skills
- production sensory evaluations

E

Elective

One Semester

Product Design and Technology

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will investigate, design and make products with an aesthetic and functional focus. They follow the product design process and produce products for a specified end user with consideration to sustainability.

Tasks will allow for learning about the properties of different materials, different construction methods and how to safely produce products using machinery, electric tools and hand tools, in a workshop environment.

Students are encouraged to be creative to test ideas through prototyping and evaluate their own work to produce high quality products.

Areas of Study

- safety in the workshop
- product design process: investigate, generate, plan, manage, produce and evaluate
- use of tools and equipment
- practical skills to manufacture designs and objects
- properties of different materials
- sustainability in design and production
- production of aesthetic and functional products using timber, plastic, metal and found objects

Assessment Items

- demonstration of safe work practices
- design folio demonstrating investigation and generation of ideas related to a design brief
- production of product or prototype
- evaluation of the product design process and final product

Y9

Design and Digital Technologies

E

Elective

One Semester

Textiles & Fashion

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will further explore the world of textiles and fashion. Students will have the opportunity to create a unique design brief in which they will follow and develop a range of design options, work with sustainable fabrics and produce a textile or fashion product. They will investigate complex construction and embellishment techniques, adapt a basic pattern, and apply sustainability practices as they work through the product design process.

Areas of Study

- product design process: Investigate; generate; plan and manage; produce; and evaluate
- fashion illustration
- sourcing materials
- construction processes
- embellishment techniques
- basic pattern adaptation
- design and development of a textile/fashion product
- sustainability and zero waste design

Assessment Items

- design folio demonstrating investigation and generation of ideas related to a design brief
- production of textile or fashion product
- evaluating the product design process and final product

E

Elective

One Semester

Systems Engineering

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students explore how systems can be used to create light, sound, heat, movement, control or support in systems. Students develop an understanding of how forces and the properties of materials affect the behaviour and performance of designed engineering solutions.

Areas of Study

- the design process to create designed solutions relevant to a design brief
- sustainability considerations
- generating and connecting design ideas and processes
- marketing projects for a range of audiences
- sequenced production and management plans
- safe and skillful technology use

Assessment Items

- design folio demonstration of safe work practices demonstrating investigation and generation of ideas related to a design brief
- production of project or prototype
- evaluation of the design process and final project

Y9

Design and Digital Technologies

E

Elective

One Semester

Programming

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are introduced to the fundamental concepts and terminology of software design and development. Students engage in computational thinking tasks to build their understanding of how computers are used to solve real world problems. As a part of the computer science study, students have the opportunity to take part in algorithmic coding, interpreting data and computational thinking.

Students learn about software development while designing and making interactive software products using block code.

Areas of Study

- hardware and software in real world applications
- software programs
- pitch design and feedback
- testing programs
- social, legal and sustainability considerations

Assessment Items

- programming project
- programming project with hardware
- evaluation of the software solutions design process and final product

E

Elective

One Semester

Web Authoring

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will learn to make websites of their own designs using HTML, CSS and JavaScript. Students will also learn to collect data, use online tools and image editing applications to create an infographic for incorporation into a website.

Areas of Study

- web authoring
- website design
- acquiring and manipulating data
- creating graphics for the web

Assessment Items

- design and develop webpage with HTML
- design and develop website with HTML, CSS and JavaScript
- writing test

Y9

Languages

E

Elective

Year Long

Chinese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students communicate through speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students are gradually introduced to more complex structures and the course extends a student's ability to read and write in Chinese characters independently. Greater emphasis is placed on oral communication in exchanging information and sharing experiences with Chinese speakers. In addition, students develop strategies to interpret meaning where not all characters are known.

Areas of Study

- my holiday
- weekend plan
- birthday party
- Chinese cultures

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance



Y9

Languages

E

Elective

Year Long

Italian

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are encouraged to use Italian through authentic situations. The language curriculum is organised through themes and topics. The sequencing of activities and language content allows learners to consolidate their existing language and build new skills, knowledge and attitudes on the levels they have already attained.

Students are gradually introduced to more complex structures. The course extends the student's ability to read and write independently. Students will also learn to present information and to answer questions put to them about a chosen topic.

Areas of Study

- travelling to Italy
- the routine of young people in Italy
- your house
- a typical family day out
- friendships and free time
- cheers for Italy!

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

E

Elective

Year Long

Japanese

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students communicate through speaking, listening, reading and writing. Students are gradually introduced to more complex structures and the course extends a student's ability to read and write independently. Greater emphasis is placed on oral communication in informal settings and students are asked to identify and appreciate cultural differences between Japan and Australia. In addition, students develop their mastery of reading and writing in katakana and increase their knowledge and application of kanji.

Areas of Study

- telling the time
- describe school subjects
- talking about school grades
- talking about seasonal activities
- shopping, money and counting to large numbers
- describing someone's physical appearance

Assessment Items

- listening comprehension
- writing folio
- reading comprehension
- oral performance

Music

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students have the opportunity to practice and refine their instrumental playing skills in both a solo and group context. As part of the course, students will compose their own computer game music using sequencing software. Students practice listening and responding to various styles of music, and also undertake music analysis and aural training. All students have various opportunities to perform at the College and are invited to perform in a variety of events throughout the year.

Areas of Study

- performing on students chosen instrument or voice
- ensemble skills
- singing
- aural skills
- musical devices
- composition skills
- leitmotifs and computer game characters
- melodic contours
- notation skills
- music theory

Assessment Items

- ensemble performance
- computer game musical composition
- music theory and aural exam



Y9

Performing Arts

E

Elective

One Semester

Dance

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students are introduced to Dance as an artistic concept. Students explore the many functions of dance in the world including cultural, social and performance.

Students will develop dance technique, physical strength, flexibility and fitness whilst understanding the importance of safe dance practices and the main components of dance composition. Students will use these learned skills to create a dance from a chosen visual stimulus as well as learn a group dance to be performed in front of an audience.

Students also have the opportunity to view a professional dance work and partake in choreography workshops.

Areas of Study

- safe dance practices
- movement categories
- elements of movement
- physical and expressive skills

Assessment Items

- stimulus dance
- group dance
- analysis

E

Elective

One Semester

Drama

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students respond to the contexts, narratives and stories that shape their worlds, which is then realised in their own self devised work. Students combine the dramatic elements through exploration of ideas and themes whilst developing performance techniques and physical conventions. This unit is aimed at further enhancing performance skills in improvisation, playmaking and scripted work. Students hone their skills in collaboration, developing empathy, leadership and critical thinking. Students will also apply design elements to their ideas making artistic choices to create dramatic meaning. Students are given the opportunity to perform their work to a live audience and to view a professional performance.

Areas of Study

- dramatic elements
- play-making techniques
- performance and expressive skills

Assessment Items

- 'Teen Drama' performance
- devised ensemble performance
- performance analysis

Y9

Visual Arts

E

Elective

One Semester

Media

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will focus on understanding how products are defined in terms of form, style and genre through the use of codes and conventions. Furthermore, students analyse how representations are constructed and communicated to audiences and how audiences read a media text based on context and an understanding of cultural semiotics. As well as this, students develop specific technical and practical skills in animation, audio production and photography. With these skills, students create their own collaborative and independent media products.

Areas of Study

- constructed representations in cinema study
- audience expectations of style and genre
- codes and conventions of podcasting and audio production
- animation skills and techniques - the use of specific animation software
- photographic narratives - telling a story through the use of photographic imagery
- photographic manipulation - specific software skills and techniques in the process of photographic manipulation

Assessment Items

- representation in cinema podcast, "The superhero genre"
- animated GIFs production process
- photographic narrative series

E

Elective

One Semester

Visual Art

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will focus on creating and making artworks and explore and experiment with artforms that can include painting, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media and digital technology. Students will be introduced to a range of artists and learn to analyse artworks and begin to build on their awareness of how and why artists realise their ideas through different visual arts practices. Students will adapt ideas, visual images and practices from selected artists and use them to inform their own personal aesthetic when making artworks and presenting them to an audience.

Areas of Study

- two-dimensional art (traditional and/or contemporary)
- three-dimensional art (traditional and/or contemporary)
- respond and interpret art

Assessment Items

- two-dimensional artwork with folio documentation
- three-dimensional artwork with folio documentation
- comparative writing task

Y9

Visual Arts

E

Elective

One Semester

Visual Communication Design

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this course students will learn to understand the way images can communicate ideas and information. A range of design methods are introduced to give students a taste of the experience of being a designer.

Through investigating elements and principles of design, along with exploring two dimensional and three-dimensional drawing techniques, students will better understand the role of a designer in a variety of design fields.

Areas of Study

- communication design
- industrial and/or environmental design

Assessment Items

- graphic design task
- technical drawing task
- Analysis task



Glossary

Abbreviations and terms explained.

Areas of Study

Represent topics, concepts or a group of topics that will be studied during the subject.

Assessment Items

A task set by the teacher to evaluate a students understanding of the learning.

Elective

A subject or group of subjects where students have an opportunity to select a preference for their focus of study.

ICT

Information and Communications Technology.

Semester

One half of the year. Most Units are completed in one semester.

Victorian Curriculum

The Victorian Curriculum is the Foundation to Year 10 Curriculum for Victorian Government and Catholic schools. Designed based on the national curriculum the Victorian Curriculum F–10 sets out what every student should learn during their first eleven years of schooling.





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