



YEAR 9

2020 Course Outline

In Year 9 you will study a combination of **compulsory** and **optional** subjects.

Compulsory Subjects

All students will take the following subjects:

Religious Education	Science
English	Social Sciences
Physical Education and Health	Mathematics
	Digital Technologies (<i>two terms / one semester</i>)

Optional Subjects

Language (Choose ONE full year course)	Arts (Choose <i>at least two</i> ; each subject two terms i.e. one semester)
French	Drama
Japanese	Music
Technology (Choose <i>at least one</i> ; each subject two terms i.e. one semester)	Art
Hard Materials	
Fabrics (Soft Materials)	
Food Technology	
DVC (Design and Visual Communication)	

Please note that a small number of identified students will be directed to select supplementary English or ESOL instead of choosing a language (French or Japanese) if subject teachers indicate that they need to focus on strengthening their English in preparation for NCEA. You will be contacted directly if this applies to you.

Use this information booklet and discuss your selections carefully with your parents / caregivers. Along with this booklet, the option process letter explains how to make your choices on the Student Portal. If you are unsure and want further advice, see Mrs Vercoe (Year 9 Dean), Heads of Department (HoDs), Mrs Rogers (Head of Careers) or your subject teachers.

Please make your choices on the Student Portal.

Important information about the 2020 Year 9 subject costs

All Year 9 course charges and the cost of any enhancement resources are provided in each subject outline as estimates only. Confirmation of these will occur at the start of 2020. All course costs as outlined must be paid in full by 1 April 2020.

Take home workbooks where stated as an enhancement resource, will be available on-line through Office Max myschool from the beginning of December. The URL link for Sancta Maria College students is www.myschool.co.nz/sanctamariacollege

Year 9 Languages

All students will study either French or Japanese in Year 9.

Students have been given a taster course in both French and Japanese this year and will study the language they choose for five periods in every ten-day cycle for one year unless they would like to be considered for, or are directed to the extra English language classes or ESOL classes by their teachers.

Extra English Language (9LAN)

This class caters to students who lack confidence and/or skill in reading comprehension and writing. Teachers will sometimes identify candidates for this English class based on the needs of their students. This class is vital and as such is compulsory for identified students. It will give them a strong foundation for success, not only in NCEA English, but in all subjects as NCEA is very literacy rich.

ESOL

This class caters to students who are from a second language English background and have been identified as needing support in learning academic English. It is vital for identified students in that it gives them a strong foundation for success, not only in NCEA English, but in all NCEA subjects. It is compulsory for identified students.

The following subjects are your Compulsory Subjects

Course name	Religious Education
Recommended study for	Year 10 Religious Education
Course enhancement costs	\$10 approx Online digital resource
Materials cost	Retreat. Approx. cost \$15- \$20
Other costs	Field trips if and when they apply
Course description	<p>Religious Education is central to all that we do at Sancta Maria College. It is through Religious Education that we learn more about our faith. The basis of study this year will be from the “Understanding Faith” programme mandated by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops’ Conference. The way the course is delivered has been restructured to suit the unique needs of a Y7–13 College.</p> <p>The year’s study will begin with introductory mini topics on the Special Character and Values of Sancta Maria College and on the Year of Faith. Students will also be assessed on their ability to remember and recite basic Catholic prayers.</p> <p>There are four major topics covered in Year 9, one topic per term. The topics are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus the Teacher • The Beginnings of the Church • One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church • God the Creator
Course leads to	Year 10 Religious Education
Course length	Full Year

Course name	English
Recommended study for	Year 10 English
Course enhancement costs	\$35 for Online Enrichment Tools (Education Perfect and Reading Plus)
Materials cost	
Other costs	\$25 – End of Year English Trip
Course description	<p>The Year 9 English programme covers a range of studies - plot, character, setting and style from a variety of literature and film studies, language, reading, oral and visual skills. Year 9 students experience a variety of project based learning programmes from documentary making, to engaging writing projects that will challenge students of all levels and abilities. This course is designed to prepare students for Year 10 English.</p>
Course leads to	Year 10 English
Course length	Full Year

Course name	Mathematics
Recommended study for	Year 10 Maths
Course enhancement costs	\$20.00 online learning resource
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	
Course description	<p>This course is a continuation from Year 8. The building blocks of decimals, percentages, fractions, ratios and whole numbers are developed. In addition Generalisation (algebra) and Probability are also a focus. Classes are mixed ability. Students will be extended through investigative activities in class and can opt to join an extension group to gain access to a challenging problems and discussions.</p>
Course leads to	Year 10 Mathematics
Course length	Full Year

Course name	Science
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	\$ 20 Take home workbook
Materials cost	
Other costs	
Course description	<p>Students will learn a lot about the world around them and also learn a lot of Science skills that will help in future Science studies.</p> <p>Students will study five different units of work. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science Skills 2. Food and Digestion 3. Matter and Atoms 4. Energy, Light and Sound 5. Cells and Ecology
Course leads to	Year 10 Science
Course length	Full Year

Course name	Social Studies
Recommended study for	Year 10 Social Studies
Course enhancement costs	Approximately \$50 for possible school trip
Materials cost	No specific costs for Social Studies materials. However, students should come to class with their own standard stationery supplies.
Other costs	None.
Course description	<p>Students in Year 9 Social Studies learn about the world around them and how they can participate as informed citizens in New Zealand society. The course is divided into four topics, one for each term, based on the following conceptual strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identity, Culture and Organisation • Place and Environment • Continuity and Change • The Economic World
Course leads to	Year 10 Social Studies
Course length	Full Year

Course name	Physical Education and Health
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	
Materials cost	School PE Uniform
Other costs	
Course description	In this course you will begin looking at the function of the body as it relates to performance – anatomy, cardiovascular, respiratory and energy systems, muscular and skeletal structure, biomechanical principles - motion, stability, Newton's laws, summation of forces, projectile motion, and friction, societal influences on physical activity and the implications for self and others, strategies to improve performance of a physical activity and describe the outcomes. You will also look at health related topics, issues and the influence these have on your personal well-being.
Course leads to	NCEA PE
Course length	Full Year

Course name	Digital Technologies
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	None
Materials cost	None
Other costs	
Course description	<p>Students will continue to develop their understanding of Computational Thinking and Designing and Developing Digital Outcomes. They will use Photoshop to produce a visual Mihimihi and develop their coding skills to produce a game in Construct 2.</p>
Course leads to	NCEA
Course length	Semester (Two Terms)

Course Name	French
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	Students will have a take home workbook (Quoi de Neuf) approximate cost of \$24.00 Language Perfect subscription \$20.00
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course description	<p>In Year 9 French, students will revise their learning from the Year 8 programme and learn how to describe friends and teachers, discuss school subjects, talk about our nationalities, our birthdays and where we live. Students will learn how to talk about families and pets, say what sports we play and hobbies we have, talk about our plans for the weekend and the holidays and discuss such things as the weather.</p> <p>By the end of the year, students will be able to have quite an extended conversation in French with someone of their own age on the topics above, as well as being able to read and write material about them too. Students will also learn and perform a play in French.</p>
Course leads to	Year 10 French
Course length	Full year

Course name	Japanese
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	Write-in student Take home Workbook and audio (Approx cost of \$30) 1 year on-line vocabulary and language studies subscription (Approximate cost of \$20)
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course description	Follow on from Year 8 Taster Course, Year 9 students will be involved in a comprehensive Introductory Course in Japanese. Students will learn how to express themselves in Japanese in everyday situations, such as introducing oneself and others, talking about family, pets and friends, discussing one's favourite hobbies, food or social events using social media platforms and digital tools in collaborative learning contexts. Students will also learn more about Japan, its people, culture, and customs through literature, media, information technology and people interaction. Students will have the opportunity to host visiting Japanese student groups during the year to put into practice their Japanese language skills. Students will be able to apply to go on SMC Japan Cultural Visit in their senior year of studies.
Course leads to	NCEA Japanese
Course length	Full Year

Year 9 Art Programme

All students will study at least one of the following three subjects:

- Art
- Music
- Drama

Students will complete two terms of study of their two selected subjects. The time allocation given to these subjects is five periods in every ten-day cycle.

The school will try to ensure students are given their first choice but this will depend on the numbers of students opting for different subjects.

Course name	Art
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	Nil
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course description	<p>Students will continue to develop skills in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. They will create artwork that responds to both contemporary and traditional artists and themes. Students will be introduced to ways of working that support learning at senior level.</p>
Course leads to	Year 10 Art
Course length	Two Terms (One Semester)

Course name	Music
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	Students will have a take home workbook approximate cost of \$23
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course description	<p>Music is a part of our everyday lives. It is an expression of emotion and a universal language that everyone understands. Year 9 Music will provide students with practical and creative experiences in a well-equipped and fun environment.</p> <p>Year 9 Music consists of 4 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance - Students will develop performance skills through singing, playing keyboards, ukulele, drums and guitars. • Composition - creating their own music, and their own song using Garageband & Sibelius music software. • Theory and Listening - how to read, write and listen to musical elements. • Music History - Students will study the instruments of the orchestra and learn about NZ music. <p>All students studying music are expected to be learning an instrument or singing. Students may learn an instrument through the Itinerant Music Scheme – in 2020 the instruments offered are Violin, Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Cello and Double Bass (\$100 for the year and students will need to hire or have their own instrument). Also offered through the school, but not as part of the itinerant scheme, are Piano and Guitar (additional charges apply).</p> <p>Students studying music are also expected to be involved in a co-curricular music group, such as the Senior Choir, Concert Band, Stage Band, or Orchestra. They are also encouraged to become involved in some of the many musical competitions and activities, such as Rock Quest, Pasifica Beats, KBB Festival and Stand Up Stand Out.</p>
Course leads to	Year 10 Music
Course length	Two Terms (One Semester)

Course name	Drama
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course enhancement costs	Nil
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course Description	<p>Drama has the capacity to move and challenge values, cultures and identities. Through participation in drama, students develop their capacities of expression and imagination and learn to focus on and use their senses. The process of making and presenting drama gives students opportunities to develop their self-confidence and skills in interpreting, researching, negotiating, problem solving and decision making</p> <p>This course includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvisation/Theatre sports – You will learn a series of theatre sports games designed to help you think quickly, initiate and advance ideas, accept other peoples’ ideas and learn basic performance skills. • Role-play and character development – Through a series of exercises and activities you will learn to create and portray a range of convincing characters and sustain a role throughout a performance. • Drama techniques workshop (use of voice, body, movement and space) - In this workshop you will learn how the effective use of drama techniques help to show meaning in a performance. You will learn how to speak clearly and to project your voice on stage. • Performance Poetry – You will show the use of drama techniques in a performance of a given poem. • Perform an acting role – You will research a character in a given script, and will develop the characteristics that allow the audience to see the character and not you – use drama techniques to shape your character. • Drama journal work – You will complete a written journal on all the units covered in this course.
Course leads to	Year 10 Drama
Course length	Two Terms (One Semester)

Course name	Technology
Recommended study for	Year 10
Course Choices	Technology - Soft Materials (two terms) Technology - Hard Materials (two terms) Technology - Foods (two terms) Technology - DVC Graphics (two terms)
Course enhancement costs	\$30.00 (each two terms) to cover the take home materials of the course *Costs towards Foods / Soft Materials workbooks (\$13.80 each) as required in the current year. Students will be informed of costs at the start of each course.
Materials cost	Nil
Other costs	Nil
Course Description	<p>Technology can be described as intervention by design. It has an impact on us all whether you are academic or practical. It is a useful subject if you choose to take a trade apprenticeship, chose a career in a technology-related industry, or even if you choose a university career path.</p> <p>Year 9 Technology will provide students with practical and creative experiences, gaining skills while completing a range of activities and learning experiences.</p> <p>All Technology courses include:</p> <p>Technological practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the stages that need to be followed in order to go from the problem to be solved to the solution. <p>Technological knowledge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> developing and learning new practical skills . <p>Nature of Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> looking at how technology fits into society and the world around us.
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