

Year 8 Subject Selection

The Year 8 program offers students access to a range of curriculum areas that will enable them to make informed choices when deciding on future pathways. As part of their program students may select one elective subject from Italian, Indonesian, Chinese, Sports Academy (application needed and try outs to be selected), Music Excellence Program or Digital Technology.

Physical Education and Music are offered as compulsory components of the Year 8 core program as well as in the elective block. Languages and Digital Technology are only offered in the elective block. If students do not select a Language or Digital Technology they will not study this area in Year 8.

Language- Italian

Students will study aspects of the Italian language and culture. Emphasis will be placed on developing students' understanding of culture through a variety of learning activities and excursions. Students will gain insight into the Italian food culture and have the opportunity to create their own food items using authentic Italian ingredients. Students will be able to develop a more advanced knowledge of the language to ensure they can develop their communicating, listening, reading and writing skills in another language. This language development will be most beneficial should they choose to attend the Italy study tour in year 9 or 10.

Digital Technology

Year 8 Digital Technology aims to build on and consolidate skills introduced at Year 7. These include understanding good ICT practices, how computers work, programming robots using Abilix Chart, Web Design and Game Development as well as Photoshop and Microsoft Office skills. Digital Technology aims to improve a students ability to complete digital tasks in other subjects as well as preparing students for work and life in a world where knowledge of digital technology is increasingly important. Students must have their own laptop for this elective.



Language- Indonesian

Students will study aspects of Indonesian language and culture. Emphasis will be placed on developing students' writing, reading, listening and speaking skills in Indonesian. More emphasis will be placed in grammatical concepts and communicative tasks in this language. Students will have the opportunity to participate in excursions. Students who continue Indonesian studies into Year 9 will be offered the opportunity to participate in the Victorian Young Leaders to Indonesia Program. Participants will take part in a six-week language and cultural immersion program, designed to prepare them to live and work as citizens and future leaders in an increasingly interconnected global community.

Lowanna Sports Academy

The Lowanna Sports Academy is committed to providing students with the highest quality specialised sports program including high quality coaching with excellent facilities and equipment available. As the only school-based sporting and academic development program in Gippsland, we are offering students elite coaching and training during school hours while delivering a complete Secondary School curriculum.

We have partnerships with Gippsland Power (Football) and Latrobe City Energy (Basketball), which ensures the quality and provides additional resources for the program. These partnerships complement our program whilst improving sporting pathways for talented student athletes.

Within the program students will complete: Individual/team skill coaching, skill game analysis, fitness testing, strength and conditioning and game strategies

Cost - There is a \$250 charge for this elective which will cover sports specific coaching, excursions, equipment and uniform.

Selection - Selection to this program is based around sporting attributes and ability, academic effort and achievement, and student behaviour and attitude.

Language- Chinese

Students will study aspects of the Chinese language and culture. This unit aims to develop students' writing, reading, listening and speaking skills in Chinese. Emphasis will be placed on communicative tasks and language structures in the Chinese language. Students will be offered the opportunity to attend Chinese Infusion Programs and programs provided by the Confucius Institute, including excursions to Melbourne and other cultural activities.

Music Excellence Program

This program will cover performance, composition, music technology and music theory. It will allow students to develop skills in both solo and group performance settings.

The course is based on three outcomes;

1. Performance

- Students will be encouraged to perform in solo and group settings.
- Students will work on their primary instrument and select a second instrument to study in class.

2. Preparing for Performance

- Students will develop their skills through the target application of instrumental techniques.

3. Musicianship

- Students will develop skills in aural recognition of music elements.

Cost - A fee of \$300 will apply to students participating in this elective. Students will have excursion and/or incursion as appropriate the fee will cover the basic costs incurred.

It is expected that the student will be having instrumental lessons as part of the extension program for MEP and part of the cost will cover sundry items required for this aspect of the course.