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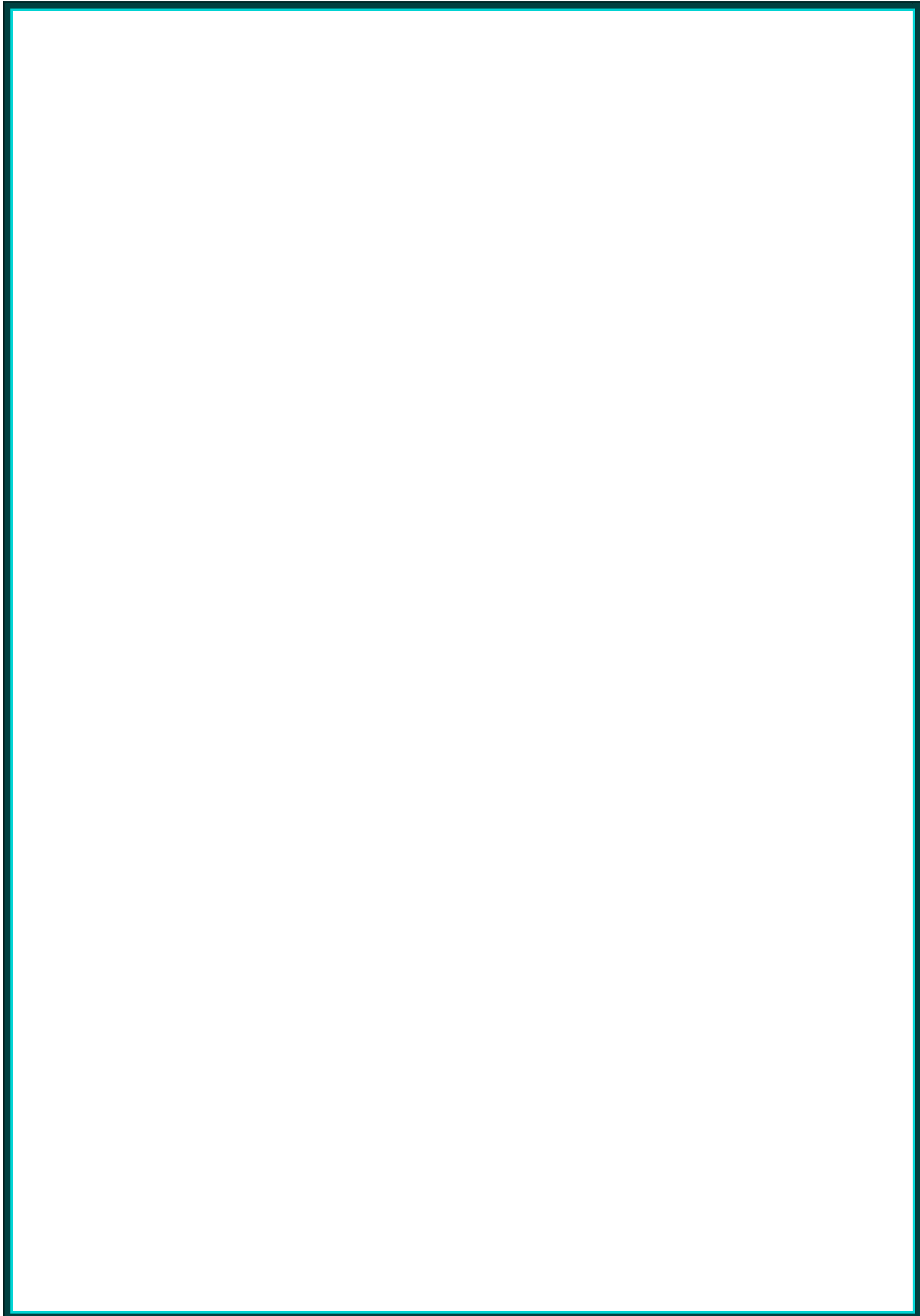
ROLEYSTONE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Independent Public School

COURSE INFORMATION YEARS 8-10

GENERAL STUDIES

2016



CURRICULUM IN THE SECONDARY YEARS

CURRICULUM PATHWAYS

1. OVERVIEW

At Roleystone Community College we believe that every student deserves to receive an education that enables them to become active and positive citizens, that broadens their course selection options for upper school and enhances their career choices beyond secondary schooling. Whether by setting high expectations for class work or through a specially tailored program of career-aligned subjects, we are committed to foster individual and group success in accordance with the principles enshrined in the College's Purpose, Values and Mission Statements.

2. COURSE OPTIONS

- a. The *General Studies program* offers students a broad range of elective choices and the opportunity to specialise in Advanced Netball Skills (Girls only) or the STEM program.
- b. The *Academy of Digital Media (Film) program* is for students working to complete a *Certificate I & II in Creative Industries (Media)*.

3. YEAR 10 ELECTIVE SPECIALISATION

From 2016, Year 10 students will have the option to commence on the path of subject specialisation for senior secondary education by selecting to study the same elective subject in both semesters, *if they believe it is important for improving their options for their future academic studies*. Specialisation is offered for a number of subjects, as shown in the Elective Subjects summaries on the following pages. As usual, the provision of such elective classes will depend on student demand and availability of staff and resources.

TO SPECIALISE IN AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT IN YEAR 10

FROM 2016, A STUDENT MUST:

Have completed at least 1 module of the subject in Year 9 (commencing in 2015)

Enrol in both modules (1 each semester) of the specialisation

4. PATHWAYS TO SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLING

Studies of the various subjects available at Roleystone Community College in Years 7-10 provide the knowledge and skills needed for many of the more specialised studies undertaken in Years 11 and 12 and beyond.

a. Graduation

All students are required to meet certain conditions for Year 12 Graduation (The Western Australian Certificate of Education – WACE). While details of those conditions are provided to Year 10 students as they make course selection decisions for Year 11, some of the *key requirements* are that students must achieve:

- i) Level 8 Standard in *all three* of the NAPLAN Tests – Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy – by the end of Year 12

NOTE:

1. ***Students have access to some university courses subject to having obtained Level 4 Certificates at TAFE.***
2. ***It is advisable to check with TAFE or University Institutions for up-to-date entrance requirements***

- ii) a C-grade result in at least 8 subjects over the two years, with at least 4 of those C grades being achieved in Year 12
 - iii) A C-grade results in 4 “units” of study over the two years in **at least** one subject from each of:
 - **List A** (Arts, Humanities and Languages subjects)
 - **List B** (Quantitative and Material Sciences and Technology subjects)
- b. Links to Post-secondary Pathways**
- i) **“Academic” Subjects**
Each of List A and List B are sub-divided into two groups, each of which has implications for post-secondary pathways
 - **ATAR Subjects:** Marks from ATAR subjects are used to determine university entrance rankings for enrolment at any Australian university
 - **General Subjects:** General subjects are not linked to university entrance or TAFE, but do provide WACE credits
 - ii) **Vocational Education and Training Subjects**
Vocational Education and Training subjects offer students the opportunity to attain Certificate I or Certificate II accreditation and *TAFE credits*. Certification also provides credits for the WACE.
 - iii) **Foundation Studies Subjects**
Students who have not attained Level 8 in one or more of the NAPLAN subjects when they commence Year 11 will be required to achieve that standard by enrolling in either or both of the following, as determined by their standing at the end of Year 10
 - Foundation Mathematics (Numeracy)
 - Foundation English (Writing, Language Conventions)

Full details of the requirements for WACE Graduation are provided to our Year 10 students as part of their decision-making about their intended senior secondary pathway(s).

The table – *Subject Pathways* – on the next page provides an overview of the links between subjects studied in our Lower Secondary years and the subjects commonly available for students in the Upper Secondary years. The information in the table is ‘*generalised*’ because Year 10 students from Roleystone Community College move on to a *variety of schools* for their Year 11 and 12 studies, with each school offering a different profile of subjects in Years 11 and 12.

Subject Pathways (Shaded subjects are not available in 2016)

FACULTY	COURSE	SUBJECTS						
		YEARS 1-6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	LINKED SENIOR YEARS	
CORE STUDIES	English	Primary Studies (Integrated)	English	English	English	English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List A: ATAR and General Subjects List B: ATAR and General Subjects Some VET subjects Foundation English Foundation Mathematics 	
	Humanities		Humanities	Humanities	Humanities	Humanities		
	Mathematics		Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics		
	Science		Science	Science	Science	Science		
	STEM		STEM	STEM	STEM	STEM		
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Physical and Health Education	Health Education / Rock & Water	Rock & Water	Rock and Water	Strength & Fitness 2	Strength & Fitness 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Studies Human Biology Outdoor Education Physical Education Sport and Recreation 	
			Health and Physical Education	Strength & Fitness 1		Specialised Physical Education 1 & 2		
		Physical Activity	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education	Health and Physical Education		
			Advanced Netball 1	Advanced Netball 2	Advanced Netball 3	Advanced Netball 4		
ARTS	Digital Media	Integrated Arts (Art, Dance, Digital Media, Drama)	Digital Media-Film 1	Digital Media-Film 2	Digital Media-Film 3	Digital Media-Film 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Industries-Media; Media Production & Analysis Design 	
	Fine Art		Integrated Arts	Fine Arts 1	Digital Art-Graphics 1	Digital Art-Graphics 2		
					Drama	Fine Arts 2	Fine Arts 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Industries-Art; Visual Art; Design
						Dance	Drama 1	
	Music		Class Music	Class Music	Dance 1	Dance 2	Dance 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Industries-Dance
		Instrumental Music (Selected students)						

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FACULTY	COURSE	SUBJECTS
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		YEARS 1-6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	LINKED SENIOR YEARS	
LANGUAGES	Indonesian	Indonesian	Indonesian	Indonesian	Indonesian (Elective)	Indonesian (Elective)	Indonesian	
TECHNOLOGIES	Materials and Design Technology	Craft (With Primary Studies)	Introductory Design & Technology	Materials Design & Technology	Metal Art 1	Metal Art 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automotive, Automotive Engineering and Technology Building and Construction, Construction Engineering Studies Materials Design and Technology 	
					Metalwork 1 & 2	Metalwork 3 & 4		
					Plastics with Programmable Electronics 1	Plastics with Programmable Electronics 2		
					Woodwork 1 & 2	Woodwork 3 & 4		
		Cooking (With Primary Studies)	Introductory Home Economics	Home Economics	Food Science 1 & 2	Childhood Studies	Food Science 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children, Family and Community Food Science and Technology Hospitality Tourism
						Gardening	Introductory Horticulture	Horticulture 1
	Information Technology	ICT Basics (Years 1 & 2)	Introductory Applied Information Technology	Applied IT 1	Applied IT 2			
				Digital Photography 1	Digital Photography 2	Digital Photography 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Industries-Media; Media Production & Analysis 	

ALLOCATION OF SUBJECTS AND CLASS TIMES

The subjects of the *Western Australian Curriculum* that have been endorsed by the Western Australian Minister for Education are the foundation of teaching Roleystone Community College. Where subjects are not yet endorsed for the Western Australian Curriculum, the basis of teaching and learning remains the Western Australian Curriculum Framework.

Weekly time allocations for each subject group are as listed in the table below.

1. COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

All secondary students are required to study English, Health and Physical Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science. Additionally, all students in Year 8 are required to study Indonesian. Students are placed in classes according to the requirements of their program.

2. ELECTIVES

Most electives have a cost component for items such as materials and provision of special equipment, so the charge for each subject should be considered when choosing elective subjects.

a) Year 8

- *General Studies* students will choose four (4) elective modules (2 per semester)
- *Academy of Digital Media* Students have a restricted choice of elective subjects due to the requirements of the specialist course

b) Years 9 and 10

- *General Studies* students will complete
 - 3 electives per semester in Year 9 and
 - up to 4 electives per semester in Year 10
- Students studying *Indonesian* and *Digital Media-Film* are required to enrol in those subjects for both semesters.
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SPECIALIST AND TAFE-APPROVED COURSES

a) Specialist Programs

The College offers three Specialist Programs that commence in Year 7:

- The Academy of Digital Media;
- Advanced Netball and
- STEM.

b) VET Programs

Year 10 students have the opportunity to complete the **Rural Skills** program at Hillside Farm.

Detailed information and how to apply for a specialist program or the VET course is available from the College.

2016 Course Requirements (Minutes per week)

	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Compulsory Subjects			
English	250	250	250
Humanities and Social Sciences	250	250	200
Mathematics	250	250	250
Science	250	250	200
Languages (Indonesian)	100	Elective in Years 9 and 10	
Health & Physical Education	150	150	150
Form (House) Activities	100	100	100
Elective and Specialised Studies Subjects			
Elective Subjects	200	300	400
Academy of Digital Media (Film)	Compulsory elective "choice" for participants		
Advanced Netball Skills Program	Compulsory elective "choice" for participants		
STEM Program	Compulsory elective "choice" for participants		
Other Subjects			
Horizons Program	50 (Rock & Water)	50 (Career Studies)	50 (Career Studies)
Rural Skills (Certificates 1 & 2)			Off-campus
TOTAL TEACHING TIME	1600	1600	1600

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. "Single-semester module" subjects offer one module per year, which may be offered in both semesters
2. "Linked modules" subjects offer students the *opportunity* to study a module in each semester (two modules per year)
3. "Tied modules" *require* students to study the subject in both semesters (two modules per year)
4. **All costs listed are PER MODULE for the stated Year Level**

ELECTIVES FOR GENERAL STUDIES STUDENTS

ARTS SUBJECTS

Art Cost \$50

Year 8: Single-semester module

Maximum Class Size: 24

Fine Art Cost \$50

Years 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Maximum Class Size: 24

Digital Media-Graphic Design Cost \$50

Years 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Students must own a portable, external storage device to participate in this course.

Maximum Class Size: 28

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS

Design and Technology Cost \$45

Year 8: Single-semester module

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

Metal Art Year 9 Cost \$50 Year 10 Cost \$55

Years 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

Metalwork Year 9 Cost \$50 Year 10 Cost \$55

Years 9 and 10: Two *Linked* modules each year

Protective clothing and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

Plastics with Programmable Electronics Year 9 Cost \$40 Year 10 Cost \$50

Years 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

Woodwork Year 9 Cost \$50 Year 10 Cost \$55

Years 9 and 10: Two *Linked* modules each year

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

HOME ECONOMICS SUBJECTS

Childhood Studies Cost \$50

Year 10: Single-semester module

Maximum Class Size: 24

Food Science Cost \$85

Years 9 and 10: Two *Linked* modules each year

Year 10 Pre-requisite: 1 x Year 9 Food Sciences module

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

Home Economics Cost \$60

Year 8: Single-semester module

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 22

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS

Applied Information Technology Cost \$15

Years 8, 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Maximum Class Size: 25

Digital Photography Cost \$50

Years 8, 9 and 10: Single-semester module

Maximum Class Size: 25

LANGUAGES SUBJECTS

Indonesian Cost \$20

Years 9 and 10: Two *tied* modules each year

This course consists of TWO MODULES each year, both of which must be studied.

Maximum Class Size: 32

Physical Education Subjects

Specialised Physical Education Cost \$50

Year 10: Two *Linked* modules

While there is no requirement to study both modules, it is advisable not to undertake the Semester 2 module without completing the Semester 1 module.

Maximum Class Size: 25

Strength and Fitness (Voluntary Contribution)

Year 8: Single-semester module

Years 9 and 10: Two *Linked* modules

Maximum Class Size: 20

SCIENCE

Horticulture

Cost \$30

Year 8: Single-semester module
Years 9 and 10: Two **Linked** modules each year

Protective dress, footwear and equipment requirements must be adhered to for this elective.

Maximum Class Size: 20

Dress and Footwear Requirements for Health and Safety

In the subjects identified as having such requirements, students must ensure they meet the safety standards before they will be permitted to participate in a lesson. *Continued failure to meet the requirements may result in the student being required to enrol in an elective that does not have strict safety precautions*

SPECIALIZED STUDIES PROGRAMS

ARTS

Digital Media-Film

Cost \$60

Years 8 9 and 10: Two **tied** modules each year

Entry to this specialist study course (the *Academy of Digital Media-Film*) is available by invitation to students of Roleystone Community College and to students from other schools by **successful application**. The course consists of TWO MODULES each year, both of which must be studied.

Academy of Digital Media-Film course requirements are detailed in the *Academy of Digital Media-Film* prospectus, which is available from the College. Academy students will chose other electives from the subjects available for General Studies students
Maximum Class Size: 25

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Advanced Netball Skills

Cost \$20

Commencing for Year 9 students in 2017

Years 8, 9 and 10: Two **tied** modules each year

The Advanced Netball Skills program begins by identifying the team position(s) to which participants are best suited and then proceeds to hone their playing skills so they develop expertise in those roles. Participants will be taught the strategic and tactical aspects of netball and learn the skills of umpiring matches and coaching a team. Additionally, students will experience situations in which they will have the opportunity to develop skills such as leadership, teamwork and participation in community activities as well as learning the training methods necessary for developing and then maintaining the match fitness required to complete a season of highly competitive netball matches.

This specialist course is open to **girls only** and consists of TWO MODULES each year, both of which must be studied. Advanced Netball Skills students will chose other electives from the subjects available for General Studies students.

Students have the *option* of purchasing a Course Jumper (approx. \$70) and/or a course Polo Shirt (approx. \$25)

Maximum Class Size: 25

SCIENCE

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Cost \$25

Commencing for Year 8 students in 2017

Years 8, 9 and 10: Two **tied** modules each year

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) course is a specialist study of the four disciplines that make up its name. The course engages students in thinking about practical design and dealing with real-world issues related to Science and Mathematics. Students completing the course will have the opportunity to:

- extend and broaden their understanding of all four “core” subjects
- develop their capacity for creative thinking
- learn a variety of problem-solving skills and strategies
- cultivate the attributes of critical thinking
- improve their communication skills

The value and importance of this specialist course is summed up by Professor Ian Chubb AC, the Australian Chief Scientist, when he said in 2014: *International research indicates that 75% of the fastest growing occupations now require STEM skills and knowledge.*

Entry to this specialist course is open only to students by **successful application**. The course consists of TWO MODULES each year, both of which must be studied. STEM students will chose other electives from the subjects available for General Studies students.

Maximum Class Size: 25

FEES AND SUBJECT CHARGES

The Reason for Fees and Subject Charges

The College receives government funding each year to cover the costs of running the school, including staff salaries; maintenance and minor repairs of equipment, grounds, classroom furniture and buildings; Minor structural improvements; Payment for relief staff during camps and excursions; Staff Professional Learning; Day-to-day administration costs (e.g. postage, printing, stationery); Utilities costs (electricity, telephone, water and gas) and purchase of major equipment (e.g. computers, photocopiers, lathes, digital cameras).

Determining Charges and Fees

While donated funds from the P & C, hiring fees for private use of school facilities and savings on use of utilities help to offset the course costs for students, the costs of non-staff resources used for courses are not included in the government funding.

Because the government acknowledges that this situation occurs in all government schools, schools have the **legal right to charge for materials used by students in elective subjects** that the school's funding does not cover. The amount of these costs varies according to each student's choice of elective subjects. Similarly, the College can levy a fixed charge to assist with the cost of needs associated with teaching the core curriculum, such as photocopying, access to textbooks and use of specialised equipment.

The Schedule of Charges and Fees

A list of charges associated with each student's educational program is posted to parents before the end of the year prior to the year for which the fees and charges apply. The fees and charges schedule includes:

- ◆ The amount of voluntary contribution
- ◆ Charges associated with each student's elective subject choices
- ◆ Other compulsory charges levied by the College
- ◆ Voluntary contributions approved by the College Board

The charge for each elective course is listed on the *Elective Subjects Selection Form* and is also available by contacting the College after 1 December.

Paying Charges and Fees

It is government policy that parents should contribute towards the cost of educating their children. Because students can choose their elective subjects that will offer them the learning outcomes they desire, it is considered fair and equitable that parents should pay for the materials used in the subjects their children select. The College is committed to maintaining an even-handed and reasonable approach to that serving that ideal.

Any queries about school charges should be made to our Registrar, who is available at the school in school hours throughout the school term. Contact for an appointment can be made on 9391 6222

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The Scheme

1. The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with the cost of Secondary education
2. The allowance consists of two parts:
 - a) A clothing allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian **or** the school if the parent/guardian chooses for that to happen
 - b) An Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school
3. The Allowance is paid each year in which the family is eligible up to and including the year in which the student turns 18

Eligibility Criteria

1. To be eligible for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, the following conditions *must apply*:
 - a) The parent or guardian holds ONE of the following:
 - i) Centrelink Family Health Card
 - ii) Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
 - iii) Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (the **Blue** VAP card only)
 - b) The card held must be valid for some or all of Term 1 of the year in which the application is made
2. Students with their own Health Care Card can apply for the assistance by providing a letter of confirmation from Centrelink with their application

Making an Application

1. Applications close at the end of Term 1
2. Application Forms must be completed at the school during Term 1 only – i.e. at no other time
3. The school retains a copy of the completed form and forwards the original to Schools Resourcing and Budgeting Directorate for processing.

Further Information

Answers to queries about the scheme can be obtained from:

1. Roleystone Community College office staff
 - a) **Phone:** 9391 6222
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2. Schools Resourcing and Budgeting Directorate staff
 - a) **Phone:** 9264 4516
 - b) **Fax:** 9264 5162
 - c) **email:** student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au