

KingsWay Year 9 Option Courses for 2016

Student Option Selections to be completed by Friday, 30 October 2015.

Option Lines:

The following are the option lines that will be offered to Year 9 students in 2016. Students will study two subjects from Line One (one in the first semester and one in the second) and two subjects from Line Two (one in the first semester and one in the second).

Year 9 option choices are by no means something that should cause you or your child any stress - it is certainly not a life changing decision at all. The intention is to provide Year 9 students with a taste of subjects which they may enjoy later on in their Senior School years.

Option Line One (81)		Option Line Two (82)	
9DRA	Drama	9ART	Art
9FFT	Food and Fabric Technology	9DAN	Dance
9HMT	Hard Materials Technology	9DGT	Digital Technology
9LNG	Languages* (Spanish & Japanese)	9LIT	Literacy
9NUM	Numeracy	9MUS	Music
9SPS	Sport Studies**	9SPS	Sport Studies**

**Spanish is the only subject which cannot be taken in Year 10 unless a student has taken it as an option in Year 9. Japanese does not have a pathway into Senior School.*

*** Sport Studies is in both option lines but should only be chosen once.*

Option Selection:

Login to <http://kamar.kingsway.school.nz>

The username is the same username that your child uses to access school computers. This is usually "firstname.surname".

The password for this site should have been emailed to you this week. If you have not received this please email msadmin@kingsway.school.nz to request your password.

In the KAMAR portal you will see a menu bar on the left side of the screen. Select "course selection" at the bottom of the menu.

You will be prompted to select the required number of courses for Year 9. Please ensure that you make a selection for each box. Choose 3 options from Option Line 1 and 3 options from Option Line 2 in order of preference (student will do 2 options per option line; the third choice is a backup option).

Make sure you click "save" at the bottom of the screen when you have completed your selection. You can re-enter this screen and change the subjects selected if needed. Remember to click "save" again when finished. Courses can be altered up until the close off day of Friday, 30 October 2015.

COURSE DESCRIPTORS

Art

Course Fee: \$25.00

Students will develop their skill and understanding by participating in a variety of drawing, painting, sculpting and printing activities using a range of media and tools. They will study and take inspiration from other artists' styles and influences and will learn about past art movements as well as contemporary art forms. Students who are intellectually curious and enjoy being creative are encouraged to select Art as an option.

Dance

Course Fee: \$5.00

This course builds on and develops the work done in Dance in Year 7 and 8 Dance. Students are introduced to the fundamental elements of dance and a variety of genres are covered. Learning will also focus on discovering different dance styles, creating new movement and developing confidence. Students will work in groups to create movement and develop their social and problem solving skills. Dance will be a practical subject full of fun and creative energy. No previous experience is needed but students are encouraged to have an open mind, a sense of fun and a love for creative activity.

Digital Technology

Course Fee: \$5.00

The aim of studying Digital Technologies is to help students to become both users and creators of computer technology. The semester programme will introduce them to tools to analyse real life problems and design an outcome using digital solutions. Students will be introduced to the technological practice cycle which will give them skills in analysing a problem, developing a brief, planning and evaluating an outcome and communicating their ideas using digital dairies.

Digital Technologies is interdisciplinary in its approach and students will be challenged to draw upon the knowledge and skills that they have developed in other learning areas such as Art, Design, Mathematics and English to be able to create specific outcomes. In each unit of work, students will work on individual projects using Microsoft Publisher, Excel and Sculptris.

It is anticipated that students taking this course would fit into the following categories: those who enjoy working with computers and want to use every available opportunity to broaden their experience with varying software applications with a view to their future; and those who know they are not likely to be taking Digital Technology in Senior School because of an anticipated focus on other options, but want to get up-skilled as much as possible in Year 9.

Drama

Course Fee: \$5.00

This course builds on, and develops, the work done in the Yr 7 and 8 Performing Arts courses. Students will focus on developing practical knowledge and skills in Drama. The main topics covered are: improvisation skills, creating devised work, scripted plays and drama and social identity. In these units students will be introduced to the necessary drama techniques, elements and conventions. The course will enable students to increase personal confidence, explore their own creativity and develop social co-operation and collaboration skills.

Food and Fabric Technology

Course Fee: \$44.00

This option has a roll cap of 24 students, mandated by the KingsWay School Board of Trustees. Student selection for this course will happen in conjunction with the teacher teaching this option, based on student performance in Year 8.

In this half year course, students will focus on developing practical knowledge and skills in food and fabric technology and an understanding of the design process. In food technology they will explore the properties of ingredients and use this knowledge to design and make an original pie. In fabric technology students will explore fabric decoration techniques and design and make a t-shirt.

Hard Materials Technology

Course Fee: \$31.00

This option has a roll cap of 24 students, mandated by the KingsWay School Board of Trustees. Student selection for this course will happen in conjunction with the teacher teaching this option, based on student performance in Year 8.

This course involves units of work based on the following:

Design and Visual Communication

This unit of work will cover sketching and rendering and technical drawing using instruments. The Design Process will be used to encompass all of the previously mentioned skills and will be used throughout the course of study.

Materials Technology

Designing and making models using the school workshop facilities. This will involve woodwork skills, metal work skills and working with electronics to come up with design solutions to given problems, using the Design Brief approach.

Languages

Course Fee: \$40.00

In this course students learn basic communication skills in a European and an Asian language, develop their capacity to learn further languages and explore different world views in relation to their own.

Spanish (10 weeks)

The Communication strand includes the use of familiar expressions and everyday vocabulary. Students will be able to interact in a simple way about themselves, their family, school, leisure and food preferences. The Cultural strand includes leisure, school life, food and a movie study.

Students will have the opportunity to visit a Mexican restaurant at the end of the course.

Year 9 Spanish is a prerequisite to Year 10 Spanish.

Japanese (10 weeks)

The Communication strand includes daily expressions, introductions, numbers, ages, phone numbers, describing where you come from and where you live, subjects and food likes and dislikes. Students will also learn to read and write in the hiragana script.

The Cultural strand includes Japanese housing, school life in Japan and Japanese food.

Students will have opportunities to participate in cultural exchanges with Japanese visitors and visit a Japanese restaurant.

There will not be a pathway into Year 10 for Japanese.

Literacy Enhancement

Course Fee: \$0.00

This course is designed to assist students with difficulties in aspect of reading and writing and the objective is to increase their literacy skills. Students who feel that they need to improve their literacy skills before moving into Senior School will choose this option. Students may also be identified by English teachers to do this option based on need and parental agreement.

Music

Course Fee: \$5.00

Prerequisites: *Students taking this course should have some basic skills and experience in playing at least one musical instrument (this includes singing) for at least 1 year with a private teacher.*

This course focuses on performance, composing music (using music technology), music appreciation and analysis. As part of the course students will develop their instrumental performance skills and will be given the opportunity to perform individually and/or as part of a group.

Numeracy Enhancement

Course Fee: \$0.00

This course is designed to assist students with difficulties in aspect of numeracy and the objective is to increase their numeracy skills. Students who feel that they need to improve their numeracy skills before moving into Senior School will choose this option. Students may also be identified by Mathematics teachers to do this option based on need and parental agreement.

Sport Studies

Course Fee: \$65.00

THIS COURSE WILL RUN IN BOTH OPTION LINES – STUDENTS SHOULD CHOOSE IT ONLY ONCE.

This course is intended for students with a particular aptitude for sports or those intending to take up sports competitively in the future. It will include both theoretical and practical components. Students will gain some understanding of the musculoskeletal system that is at work when we are exercising or being active and how we can look after our bodies when under physical stress. They will investigate, explore and plan their own fitness programmes linking this to their chosen sport.

Students will have the opportunity to explore new sporting and recreational activities. As well as participating in a variety of main stream sporting codes students will also attend a full day's programme at a local Surfing Academy and a half day ski session at Snow Planet.