



Year 9 2025 Course Selection Guide

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Introduction

Students at Belridge SC have a 25 period week. These periods are a combination of compulsory and elective subjects for Year 9 students.

- Students not in Specialist Programs will select **three** elective subjects.
- Students in Specialist Fashion Design will select **one** elective subject.
- Elite Netball and Cricket students will select **two** electives as they do not participate in Phys Ed classes.

All elective courses are yearlong.

With the exception of the Specialist and Elite programs, all electives run for two periods per week.

- Please use this information booklet to aid you in the selection of the **electives you would like to study in Year 9 - 2025**.
- **You cannot select more than 2 subjects per group** (Group 1 – The Arts, Group 2 – Digital Technologies & Business, Group 3 – Home Economics, Group 4 – Design & Technology).
- Student must select **two** additional electives as **reserve** choices.
- **Belridge SC will be using Subject Selection Online (SSO) this year for all student subject selections. Details about the opening and closing times for Year 9 (2025) will be sent to parents separately.**
- Students choosing high-cost electives of \$100 or above in course costs ***must pay a deposit of 50% at the time they submit their application**. High cost elective preferences will not be accepted without the 50% deposit.

Courses that involve consumable materials such as Home Economics, Design & Technology and Art, or courses that involve the use of external facilities and transport, involve additional costs. These costs will be in addition to the basic fee and can be considerable.

Once your subject selections have been made on SSO please print out the Selection Report, this must be signed by both student and parent. The signed sheet should then be handed in to Administration and payment made for any high-cost subjects. Parents can request a Payment Plan for high-cost subjects, please see Administration for a form.

**Please only select courses involving extra costs if you are able and prepared to pay for them.*

Specialist and Elite Programs

The following additional programs are on offer at the school:

- Specialist Cricket
- Specialist Fashion & Design
- Netball Academy

Students interested in the Fashion, Cricket or Netball courses, but not enrolled in them in Year 8 this year, must submit an expression of interest form (available from the [school website](#)> Future Students> Specialist Programs) and demonstrate an appropriate skill level.

Year 9 Elective Courses

Detailed as follows, is the full range of electives available to Year 9 students in 2025. Please read the course descriptions, and check course costs, on the following pages before making your selections on SSO.

THE ARTS (Group 1)

- Dance
- Drama
- Specialist Fashion Design
- Visual Art
- Elite Music
- Media Arts

TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE

Digital Technologies and Business (Group 2)

- Money Sense
- Apps and Multimedia: Intermediate
- Computer Science: Intermediate and Cyber Security

TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE

Home Economics (Group 3)

- Food for Others
- Food for Fitness
- Family, Community and You
- Contemporary Creations

TECHNOLOGY & ENTERPRISE

Design & Technology (Group 4)

- Introductory Woodwork
- Introductory Metalwork
- Mechatronics
- Jewellery

The Arts

Dance

Course Code: 9DAN

Cost: \$55 (cost to be confirmed)

The Year 9 Dance Course provides opportunities to enhance and develop skills in a number of styles of Dance, including but not limited to; lyrical, contemporary, hip hop and commercial jazz. Students will learn new styles of choreography, develop and create group dances, have opportunities for performance and gain self-confidence.

In the written components of the course, an appreciation for dance as an art form is developed, through viewing and interpreting live performances as well as research tasks.

This course is a pathway for students considering future studies in Year 10 Dance, General Dance, Certificate Courses (through TAFE or external agencies), Diploma of Dance or Bachelor of Dance at Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts. *The structure of the Dance course allows for all levels of dancers from beginners to advanced.*



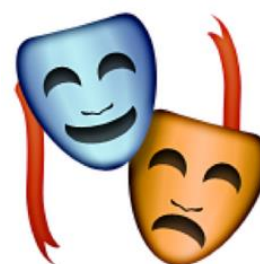
Drama

Course Code: 9DRAMA

Cost: \$35 (cost to be confirmed)

The Year 9 Drama Course is designed to offer students the opportunity to work with stage scripts and to create self-devised plays. Students will explore a variety of styles and techniques for acting and performance, both individually, and in groups. Students will develop their knowledge of drama conventions and forms to build skills in voice and movement to establish dramatic meaning and action-audience relationships.

This course is a pathway for students considering future studies in Year 10 Drama, General Drama, Certificate Courses (through TAFE or external agencies), or future studies at Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts.



Specialist Fashion Design

Course Code: 9FANDD

Cost: \$110

Do you have an interest in fashion and like to think outside of the box? Then the Belridge Secondary College's Fashion Design program could be the program for you! Our award-winning program fosters creativity through textile and garment design. Fashion Design students have the opportunity work in our specialist studio where their individuality and artistic flair are encouraged.

If you are interested in joining the Specialist Fashion Design course please see Ms Wintle in Arts.



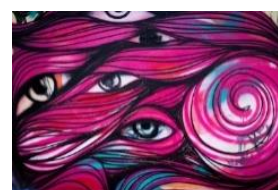
Visual Arts

Course Code: 9VART

Cost: \$55 (cost to be confirmed)

Students studying this course will gain skills in fine art drawing, painting, print-making and sculpture techniques. Students will develop their own imaginative and observational drawing skills and transform these into resolved artworks with their own artistic style. Students will explore artists and visual art movements to aid in their designs.

This course is a pathway for students considering further studies in Year 10 Visual Art, senior school General Visual Arts, TAFE, University and beyond.



The Arts

Elite Music

Course Code: 9ELMUS

Cost: \$46

This course covers aspects of instrumental storytelling from classical era symphonies to modern day game and film scores. Students studying this course will gain skills in musical notation, solo and group performance, analysis and composition. They will learn to interpret the use of musical elements and how they evoke imagery as well as learning to manipulate these elements to perform and compose music to tell their own stories.

This subject is a pathway for those students considering further study in performance, composition, music technology or critique.

This course is designed to be available to any student with a passion for music, regardless of their level of experience. However, students who have not received a passing grade in the Year 8 Elite Music Program are required to have an interview with Mr. Offszanka to ensure suitability for the course.

Students are required to have a performance outlet for this course and it is preferred that students are receiving formal instrumental tuition through, or outside school. Keyboard skills will be taught as part of this course for students for whom this is not the case.



Media Arts

Course Code: 9MEDIA

Cost: \$35 (cost to be confirmed)

Media Arts introduces students to digital media technologies and software through projects that encourage problem-solving, working as a team, following timelines and using processes and strategies to ensure safe and responsible use of media equipment. Students will develop production based skills in photography, graphic design, print advertising and consider the impact context and audience have on media work. An enthusiastic and keen attitude for film, photography, Adobe software and graphics is highly advised.



Technology & Enterprise

Digital Technologies and Business

Money Sense

Course Code: 9MONEY

Cost: \$26

Where do you want to be in 10 years? Will you be on your way to buying a home, reaping the benefits of making good money decisions and investments and growing a little wealthier every day? Or will you have blown all of your money and be in debt? It is not about how much money you have but how much money you keep. This course will teach you about the importance of working to earn money and to reach your financial goals.

It will also include the importance of communication in a workplace and the simple steps to create and achieve your work goals including creating a resume and simple interview techniques.



Apps & Multimedia: Intermediate

Course Code: 9AMMEDIA

Cost: \$26

This course offers students a broad and creative approach to the use of computer applications. Students will develop their skills by using a wide variety of industry standard software and hardware, to solve practical solutions that can be applied in the workplace. Concepts covered include animation, sound, video image editing. Students develop confidence in the management of digital resources, and the knowledge and skills acquired in this course will enable students to successfully interact in today's technology-driven society.



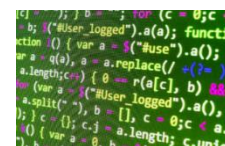
Computer Science: Intermediate and Cyber Security

Course Code: 9CSINT

Cost: \$26

If you love problem solving and coding, this course is for you.

Students will develop their computational thinking abilities as they acquire a range of industry standard skills. These include multiple programming languages for a diverse range of tasks (from web design to robotics) The topics covered in this class also include hardware maintenance, networking and design. This course is the ideal preparation for Computer Science in Years 11 and 12.



Technology & Enterprise

Home Economics

Food For Others

Course Code: 9FOTHER

Cost: \$75

This course builds upon the knowledge and skills of the Year 7 and Year 8 Foods courses.

While healthy food fuels our body, food often plays a special role in our celebrations.

Preparing food for others can be enjoyable and satisfying, and the simple act of sharing food with family and friends can also bring us closer together. Students will explore how to plan, prepare and present food for special occasions while considering the sensory properties of food and special dietary requirements.



Topics covered will include:

- Delectable desserts
- Savoury showcase
- Café creations
- Heavenly High Tea

This course supports further studies in Year 10 **Future Foodies**, and then **Certificate II in Hospitality** Years 11 and 12.

Food For Fitness

Course Code: 9FFIT

Cost: \$75

This course builds upon the knowledge and skills of the Year 7 and Year 8 Foods courses.

Eating a well-balanced diet can help you get the energy and nutrients you need to fuel your daily activities. When it comes to eating to fuel your exercise, it's not as simple as choosing vegetables over doughnuts. Students will explore how to select and prepare healthy food choices which appeal to their teen tastebuds.



Topics covered will include:

- Nutrients and you
- Diet nutrition trends
- Peak Performance
- Lifestyles

This course supports further studies in Year 10 **Food Tech**, and then **Food Science & Technology (General)** in Years 11 and 12.

Technology & Enterprise

Home Economics

Family, Community And You

Course Code: 9FCY

Cost: \$60

This course builds upon the basic life skills of the Year 7 and Year 8 Home Economics courses.

During adolescence, the influence of the family decreases as teenagers take increasing control of their own health and wellbeing, while exploring their personal identity, values and relationships. Students will explore these concepts and work in a variety of areas across the Home Economics Department, including foods, textiles, and community services.



Topics covered will include:

- Caring for yourself
- Caring for young and old
- Everybody is different
- Caring Careers

This course supports further studies in Year 10 **Children, Family & Community**, and then **Certificate II in Community Services** in Years 11 and 12.

Contemporary Creations

Course Code: 9CCREA

Cost: \$60

This course builds upon the knowledge and skills of the Year 7 & Year 8 Textiles courses.

The making of handcrafted objects continues to flourish as we look for opportunities to be creative and improve our immediate environments. Through enquiry, experimentation and research, students will explore various modern and traditional textile materials, while developing a range of manipulation, processing, manufacturing and organisational skills.



Topics covered will include:

- Creating Textile Fabrics
- Fabric Art
- Products for production
- Media Marketing

This course may lead to a Year 10 **Modern Materials** course being offered in 2025, and potentially progressing to **Materials Design & Technologies: Textiles (General)** for Year 11 and Year 12 students in the following years.

Technology & Enterprise

Design & Technology

Introductory Woodwork

Course Code: 9WOOD

Cost: \$54

This course runs for the whole year and is designed to expand on the skills and knowledge that students have gained in Year 7 and 8 Design Technology, specialising specifically in the context of WOOD. Students are able to broaden their skills in producing a variety of projects in wood using power tools (electric and battery), wood lathe and other machines within the wood workshop. This course is a beneficial lead into progressing into Year 10 woodwork.

Students will develop an understanding of design and incorporate these ideas into their work.

Basic drawing skills are also incorporated into the program.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Woodwork (Year 10)
- Materials Design Technology - Woodwork (Years 11 and 12)
- Building and Construction (Year 11)
- TAFE trade courses and apprenticeships



Introductory Metalwork

Course Code: 9METAL

Cost: \$54

Students learn the principles of problem solving following the 'research, design and making' approach to project work. Projects will be constructed from a range of metal products giving students exposure to a wide variety of materials, skills and techniques.

Students will complete set tasks to acquire specific skills and knowledge that lead to open ended problems being solved.

Creativity and individuality are strongly encouraged, and a high standard of presentation is required. Students have the opportunity to make a variety of metal projects, including some jewellery, as well as an open-ended design project of the student's choice.

In making these projects students will have the opportunity to work with many materials, hand tools and machines, learning skills in welding, lathe work, sheet metalwork and general construction. Sketching and 'project planning' are also both important aspects of the course.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Metalwork/Jewellery (Year 10)
- Materials Design Technology - Metalwork (Years 11 and 12)
- TAFE trade course and apprenticeships
- Numerous employment opportunities



Technology & Enterprise

Design & Technology

Mechatronics

Course Code: 9MECHA

Cost: \$54

This course runs for one year and is designed to expand on the skills and knowledge that students covered in Year 7 and 8 Design Technology.

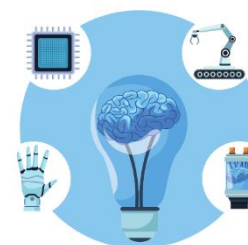
This course is designed for students who have an interest in electronics, basic electrical and engineering systems, robotics, computer telecommunication, Lego technics, meccano, laser cutters and 3D printers. Students will work with a variety of different materials such as wood, metal and plastics.

Ample opportunity is provided to develop an understanding of design and incorporate ideas into their work.

Basic drawing skills are also incorporated into the program.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Metalwork/Woodwork/Jewellery (Year 10)
- Materials Design Technology – Metalwork/Woodwork (Year 11 and 12)
- TAFE trade course and apprenticeships
- Numerous employment opportunities.



Jewellery

Course Code: 9JEW

Cost: \$46

If you intend to study Year 10 Jewellery, it is highly recommended that you select Jewellery as a grounding in Year 9.

This course provides students with the opportunity of discovering the art of manufacturing jewellery. This 'hands-on' course takes students through a number of processes and techniques that will encourage them to develop an understanding and an appreciation of this fine artwork. Later in the year, a number of additional processes to produce jewellery are included, such as metal casting and silver soldering. An awareness of design is included within the course.



FUTURE PATHWAYS

- Metalwork/Woodwork/Jewellery (Year 10)
- Materials Design Technology – Metalwork/Woodwork (Year 11 and 12)
- TAFE trade course and apprenticeships
- Numerous employment opportunities.

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