



JUNIOR COURSE SELECTION INFORMATION 2024 – 2025

At each year level there is a specific way subject choice can be made to create a student’s course of learning or learning programme. Our aim is to provide a range of engaging subjects which offer students the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of our curriculum and pursue their chosen pathway.

YEAR 9 in 2025

At Year 9 there are six **CORE** subjects, which are compulsory for everyone to take, and a range of **OPTION** subjects.

CORE SUBJECTS: Student programmes consist of SIX compulsory subjects (these are pre-selected):

- **English (OR ESOL)**
- **Maths**
- **Science**
- **Social Science**
- **PE/Health**
- **Te Ao Maaori (OR Te Reo Maaori) ***

***NOTE: Te Ao Maaori is a Semester course**

OPTION SUBJECTS: You need to select options from the **Technology, Arts and Languages/ Maaori** learning areas. Each option is only able to be selected once. However, you may select more than one subject from each learning area as long as you have selected as below from each of the 8 curriculum areas:

- A minimum of **ONE** subject from the **Technology** curriculum (select this first)
- A minimum of **TWO** subjects from the **Arts** curriculum (select both next)
- A minimum of **ONE** subject from the **Languages/ Maaori** curriculum (select this after selecting the above)

ALL option subjects are single semester only (a semester is 2 terms). Each of these is only able to be selected once.

NOTE: YOU MUST SELECT YOUR COURSES IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER on SchoolPoint (to fulfill the compulsory requirements otherwise the system will not let you progress):

1. Select **ONE Technology** subject.
2. Select **TWO Arts** subjects.
3. **THEN** select **ONE Language** subject (*remember if selecting either Japanese or French you will now need to select Te Ao Maaori (TAM) as well - this does not apply if you selected Te Reo Maaori)
4. Select **ONE** other subject from either **Technology** or **Art** learning areas (not Languages).
5. Select **ONE** backup subject.

You need to select **SIX** options in total from the learning areas below (your **SIXTH** choice is used as a backup in case there is a timetable clash):

Learning Area	Semester A	Semester B
Arts	Music Core Music – Band Visual Art Dance/Drama Combined	Music Core Music – Band Visual Art Dance/Drama Combined
Languages	French Japanese	French Japanese
Te Waahanga	Te Reo Maaori (whole year)	
	Te Ao Haka (Semester) Ngaa Toi (Semester) Te Ao Maaori (Semester)	Te Ao Haka (Semester) Ngaa Toi (Semester) Te Ao Maaori (Semester)
Technology	Design and Visual Communication Digital Technology Food Technology Multi-materials (Hard)Technology	Design and Visual Communication Digital Technology Food Technology Multi-materials (Hard) Technology

***NOTE: For course selection purposes, Te Ao Haka and Ngaa Toi count as Art curriculum subjects.**

YEAR 10 in 2025

At Year 10 there are five CORE subjects, which are compulsory for everyone to take, and a range of OPTION subjects.

CORE SUBJECTS: Student programmes consist of FIVE compulsory subjects (these are pre-selected):

- English OR ESOL
- Maths
- Science General
- Social Science
- PE/Health

****NOTE:** In Year 10 Te Reo Maaori as a CORE subject is for speakers of Te Reo Maaori as a first language or have fluency in Te Reo Maaori. Placement into this subject will follow a discussion with our Kaihautuu Maaori and whaanau.

OPTION SUBJECTS: You need to select options from the following learning areas:

- Arts
- Languages
- Maaori
- Technology
- Science
- Social Science/Business

^NOTE: If you intend to select Music or one of the Visual Arts when you are in Year 11, selecting the whole year option for Year 10 is recommended. However, similar skills will be covered in the semester option.

****NOTE:** If you intend to select a whole-year course, please be aware that it is a commitment for the duration of the year and changes will be unlikely. E.g. French, Japanese, and Music Band.

You need to select **FOUR** options below (NOTE: Whole-year courses count as TWO options) and TWO options for reserve/backup.

Learning Area	Semester A	Semester B
Technology Semester Classes	Design and Visual Communication Digital Technology Food Technology Multi-materials (Hard) Technology	Design and Visual Communication Digital Technology Food Technology Multi-materials (Hard) Technology
Arts Semester Classes	Music Core Visual Arts Dance/Drama combined Digital Creative Art Creative Enterprise	Music Core Visual Arts Dance/Drama combined Digital Creative Art Creative Enterprise
Arts Full Year		*Music Core *Music – Band *Visual Arts *Dance *Drama
Te Wahaanga Semester Classes	Maatauranga Maaori (Semester) Te Ao Haka (Semester)	Maatauranga Maaori (Semester) Te Ao Haka (Semester)
Te Wahaanga Full Year		*Te Reo Maaori (Whole year) *Ngaa Toi (Whole year)
Languages Full Year		*French *Japanese
Science Semester Classes	Electronics (Semester) STEM (Semester) Production Studies (Semester)	Electronics (Semester) STEM (Semester) Production Studies (Semester)
Social Science/Business	Money Matters (Semester)	Money Matters (Semester)

***NOTE:** Please note for course selection purposes Te Ao Haka & Ngaa Toi counts as an Art curriculum subject.

Combination Course Selection notes:

You need to choose according to the following combinations:

- **TWO** whole-year courses OR
- **ONE** whole-year course **AND TWO-semester** courses **OR**
- **FOUR** semester courses.

Your FIFTH & SIXTH choice (**TWO** semesters **OR ONE** whole-year course) is used as a reserve/backup in case of a timetable clash.

Course Selection Process Overview

*Support for students' **Pathway Planning** and in their **Course Selection** will be provided in Whaanau Roopuu (Form Class) time. Further information about the subjects is available in SchoolPoint and as a part of the Opening Evening/ Subject Information Evening, Wednesday 7 August 2025.*

YEAR 9 in 2025	YEAR 10 in 2025	YEAR 11 in 2025	YEAR 12 in 2025	YEAR 13 in 2025
<p>CORE SUBJECTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English (OR ESOL) Maths Science Social Science PE/Health Te Ao Maaori (Semester) OR Te Reo Maaori (full-year course) <p>OPTION SUBJECT CHOICES</p> <p>Choose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ONE Technology TWO Arts ONE Language ONE other from either Technology OR Art ONE backup 	<p>CORE SUBJECTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English OR ESOL OR Te Reo Maaori Maths Science General Social Science PE/ Health <p>OPTION SUBJECT CHOICES</p> <p>Choose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TWO x whole year courses OR ONE x whole year course + TWO x semester courses OR FOUR x semester courses AND ONE x whole year course OR TWO x semester courses as a backup from the following learning areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Languages Maaori Technology Science Social Science/Business 	<p>COMPULSORY SUBJECT CHOICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English OR ESOL OR Te Reo Maaori Mathematics with Statistics General Science <p>OPTION SUBJECT CHOICES</p> <p>Choose FOUR other subjects from any Learning Area.</p>	<p>COMPULSORY SUBJECT CHOICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English OR ESOL OR Te Reo Maaori <p>OPTION SUBJECT CHOICES</p> <p>Choose SIX other subjects from any Learning Area.</p>	<p>Choose SIX subjects from any Learning Area.</p>
<p>NOTE: Some selections may be subject to Learning Progression Guidelines OR Subject Combination restrictions. Exemptions can be applied for via SchoolPoint during the Course Selection process. Kaihautuu are responsible for reviewing exemptions.</p>				
		NCEA LEVEL 1	NCEA LEVEL 2	NCEA LEVEL 3/ UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE
	Year 9 (2024) Student Course Selection CLOSES: Friday 20 September 2024	Year 10 – 12 (2024) Student Course Selection CLOSES: Friday 30 August 2024		