

Term 4

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YEAR 9 REFLECT & RESET RETREAT

Our Year 9 students are preparing for their Reflect & Reset Retreat at Darlington Park Campgrounds on 3–4 December. This exciting experience will provide students with an opportunity to reflect on their achievements, strengthen friendships and prepare for their transition into senior schooling.

Clearance forms have now been issued, with students requiring 92% present and approved attendance and no outstanding school finances (or an approved payment plan). Families are encouraged to contact the Attendance Officer to resolve unexplained absences or the Finance Officer to discuss payment arrangements.

Students must return their clearance form to Ms Fuller or Student Administration to be added to the QParents permission process.

Key Dates:

- Friday 30 October: Final date to meet clearance requirements, return forms and complete QParents permission.
- Friday 20 November: Retreat payment of \$50 due.

Accommodation Reminder: Students will need to provide their own tent or swag, which they can use individually or share with friends.

We look forward to celebrating the Year 9 journey and creating lasting memories as students prepare for the next chapter of their schooling!

YEAR 9 – LIVE IT! PREPARING FOR YEAR 10

As we enter the final term of Year 9, our students are embarking on the final stage of their Dream it. Make it. Do it. Live it. journey, with Term 4 focusing on LIVE IT!

This term is all about preparing students for their exciting transition into Year 10 and senior schooling. Our Monday Family Group lessons will bring the cohort together for presentations and activities focused on future pathways, senior subject selections, the responsibilities of wearing the senior tie and developing positive habits for success.

Our Friday Year 9 assemblies will continue in the Student Centre, providing opportunities to celebrate achievements and strengthen our sense of belonging.

Our key message this term is "Be Your Future Self Today." We encourage students to recognise that their senior schooling journey begins with the choices, attitudes and actions they demonstrate now.

We look forward to celebrating our students' growth and finishing their Year 9 journey on a positive note!

REMINDERS

UNIFORM

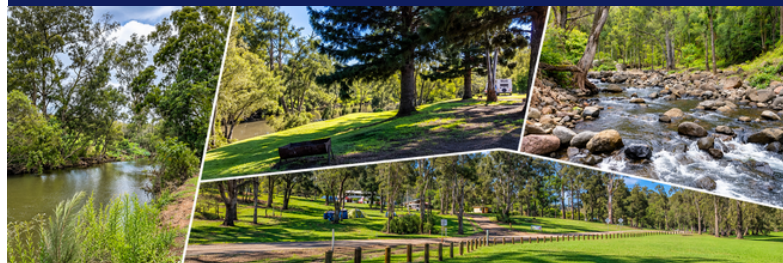
- Formal uniform Monday
- Day uniform Tuesday - Friday

ATTENDANCE

- Arrive on time to school and classes

#READY2LEARN

- Fully charged BYOD and charger, exercise books, writing materials & calculator
- Phones away for the day
- Student Assessment calendar available via QParents



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YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Year 9 students will receive their Year 10 Subject Selection Forms on Monday 26 October as they begin making important decisions about their learning pathways for 2027.

Students are required to select:

- One English subject
- One Mathematics subject
- Students are to preference as many elective choices that they are interested in studying. Please rank these choices from the smorgasbord using numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on. We will then use student choices to determine 4 elective offerings for Year 10, 2027. Please note, all Academies have concluded and are not available for Year 10.

We encourage families to discuss subject choices with their child, considering their strengths, interests and future aspirations. These selections are an exciting step towards shaping their senior schooling journey and achieving their future goals!

Completed subject selection forms must be returned to Student Administration by Friday 6 November 2026.

MANDATORY SUBJECTS

English

Students interact with others, and listen to and create spoken and multimodal texts including literary texts. With a range of purposes and for audiences, they discuss ideas and responses to representations, making connections and providing substantiation. They select and experiment with text structures to organise and develop ideas. They select, vary and experiment with language features including rhetorical and literary devices, and experiment with multimodal features and features of voice.

They read, view and comprehend a range of texts created to inform, influence and engage audiences. They analyse and evaluate representations of people, places, events and concepts, and how interpretations of these may be influenced by readers and viewers. They analyse the effects of text structures, and language features including literary devices, intertextual connections, and multimodal features, and their contribution to the aesthetic qualities of texts.

They create written and multimodal texts, including literary texts, for a range of purposes and audiences, expressing ideas and representations, making connections and providing substantiation. They select and experiment with text structures to organise, develop and link ideas and representations. They select, vary and experiment with language features including literary devices, and experiment with multimodal features.

English Extension

A high-level, rigorous academic program designed for passionate readers and writers who want to move beyond the Year 10 English curriculum (outlined above), to explore a wider range of classical and modern texts.

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Mathematics

Students continue to develop skills across Number, Algebra, Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability, with a practical focus on how mathematics is used in everyday life, workplaces and real-world situations.

- Assessment includes examinations and problem-solving tasks.
- Homework is expected.

This course may suit you if you prefer practical, applied mathematics and are not planning to pursue a mathematics- or science-intensive university pathway. It may also suit students undertaking school-based TAFE studies, traineeships or apprenticeships, including programs that involve one day away from school each week. Students considering General Mathematics in Year 11 may choose this course.

Mathematics Extension

Students develop knowledge and skills across Number, Algebra, Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability. There is a stronger emphasis on number and algebra, helping students build the foundations needed for more abstract and complex mathematics in Year 11.

- Assessment includes examinations and problem-solving tasks.
- Regular homework is expected, with a higher workload than in other mathematics courses.
- Students may need to attend lunchtime or after-school tutorials to strengthen understanding, particularly after absences.

This course may suit you if you enjoy mathematics, are achieving around a B level or above, and are considering further study in mathematics, science or related fields. It is a recommended pathway for students considering Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.

ELECTIVE SELECTION

Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty

Humanities 1

Ancient History and Geography

Uncover the mysteries of ancient civilisations and explore the world around you! Investigate historical artefacts, crack ancient mysteries and discover the people and events that shaped our past. Explore incredible places, tackle global challenges like climate change and natural disasters, and discover how people and environments connect. These subjects provide a foundation for many different career pathways addressing heritage, museums, cultural tourism, journalism, environmental change, urban development, resource management, and the planning of sustainable communities. Think like a detective, explore like an adventurer and develop the skills to understand our world and shape its future!

Humanities 2

Modern History and Philosophy & Reason

Uncover the stories that shaped our world and explore life's biggest questions! Investigate world wars, revolutions, powerful leaders and struggles for freedom while discovering how the past influences our lives today. Challenge popular beliefs, debate what is right and wrong, and uncover the truth behind different perspectives. Analyse evidence, spot misinformation and build convincing arguments as you sharpen your critical thinking and reasoning skills. These subjects can provide a foundation for many different career pathways in areas such as heritage, education, research, media, government, communications and international affairs. If you love questioning, debating and thinking for yourself, this is the subject that questions everything!

Humanities 3

Legal Studies and Business

Explore the world of law and business! Investigate real court cases, debate justice and fairness, and discover how laws shape our everyday lives. Uncover what makes businesses successful, explore marketing strategies and turn creative ideas into real-world opportunities. Develop your critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills as you tackle challenges, analyse evidence and explore the power of money, innovation and entrepreneurship. These subjects can provide a foundation for law and justice-related study and roles involving rules, rights and regulation, as well as skills that are valuable across private businesses, government and not-for-profit organisations. If you enjoy debating big issues, solving problems and turning ideas into action, this subject allows you to think big!

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Science Faculty

Science 1

Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Aquatic Practices

Discover science through innovation, and explore the science of living things, chemical reactions, human behaviour and sustainable aquatic systems. Through hands-on investigations and real-world applications, you'll discover how science shapes our world, from understanding genetics and cognitive development to investigating reaction rates and developing aquaponic systems. If you're curious about science, technology, the environment or how things work, this course offers an exciting introduction to future pathways in science, health and environmental careers.

Science 2

Physics, Engineering, Science in Practice and Specialist Mathematics

Explore science through design and discovery, and investigate the forces that shape our world, the engineering behind structures, the mathematics of movement and the science of sustainability. Through practical challenges and real-world investigations, you'll discover how physics, engineering, mathematics and environmental science work together to solve problems, reduce environmental impacts and drive innovation. If you're curious about how things work, enjoy solving problems or want to create a more sustainable future, this course offers an exciting introduction to pathways in STEM.

Health/Science Faculty

Health/Science 1

Biology, Physical Education, Psychology and Health

In Health Science, learn to be active through adversity, and explore the science of health, human behaviour and physical activity. Look into body systems and homeostasis, barriers and enablers, the influence of others and building resilience using real-world issues such as pandemics, wellbeing and community health. Discover how body systems work, why some people find it hard to participate in sport, how our behavioural decisions are influenced and practical strategies that support mental health, well-being and community connectedness. If you're interested in science, sport, psychology or helping others, this course provides an exciting introduction to pathways in health, medicine, fitness and allied health careers.

Health Faculty

Health 1

Physical Education, Health, Sport and Recreation and Certificate III Fitness (embedded)

Future Health and Performance is an exciting, hands-on subject for students interested in sport, health, fitness and human performance. Throughout the year, you'll explore how the body works, develop practical fitness and leadership skills, investigate real-world health issues, and learn what it takes to help individuals and communities thrive. Through a mix of physical activity, scientific inquiry, teamwork and project-based learning, you'll build valuable skills that can support future pathways in health, sport, fitness and allied health industries. Topics covered include Optimising Performance; Healthy Futures; Leadership through Sport and Foundations of Fitness Coaching.

Health 2

Food and Nutrition, Hospitality, Early Childhood and Certificate II Hospitality (embedded)

Feeding Healthy Communities is a practical, hands-on Year 10 subject that combines food, hospitality, early childhood and event management into one exciting learning journey. Throughout the year, you'll design healthy food solutions, explore how children grow and learn, develop hospitality skills, and help plan and deliver real community events. If you enjoy working with people, being creative, solving problems this course will make a positive impact on you and others. Topics covered include Nourishing Healthy Communities; Feeding, Growing Futures; Community Catering and Service and Movember Community Function.

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Technologies Faculty

Technologies 1

Digital Futures: Robotics & AI, Software Programming, Web Presence & Cybersecurity

Digital Futures is your gateway to tomorrow's technology. Design robotic solutions, create software and digital products, explore artificial intelligence, strengthen cybersecurity skills, and work with electronic systems to solve real-world challenges. Through hands-on projects, you will develop the creativity, problem-solving abilities and technical expertise needed to thrive in an increasingly digital world. If you are curious about technology and enjoy creating, experimenting and innovating, this subject offers an exciting introduction to future pathways in software development, robotics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and digital technologies.

Technologies 2

Innovation Futures: STEM & Design, Engineering & Industrial Technologies

Innovation Futures is where creativity meets real-world problem-solving. You will design, prototype and build innovative solutions using CAD software, 3D printing, laser cutting and practical workshop technologies while developing valuable engineering, manufacturing, furnishing and fabrication skills. If you enjoy exploring how things work and have an interest in both designing and building, this subject provides opportunities to develop practical and creative skills in engineering, manufacturing, design and construction. Learn. Design. Create. Build. Innovate.

Vocational Technologies Faculty

Certificate II Autonomous Technologies VET Certificate (stand-alone)

Are you ready to be part of the future of aviation and technology? Explore cutting-edge innovations through hands-on experience with drones, robotics, electronics and sensors. Discover how autonomous systems are transforming industries such as aviation, defence, mining and agriculture while learning about automation and control systems.

Graduate with a Certificate II in Autonomous Technologies and Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot) by the conclusion of Year 12. This course incurs a Gap Fee of approximately \$1000 including Career Ready funding (VETiS) (deferred payment and payment plans available). The course is approximately \$10,000 if studied post school.

The Arts Faculty

The Arts 1 - Music

As AI transforms the creative world, develop the skills to innovate, stand out and express yourself authentically. Find your sound and turn your musical ideas into something people can hear, feel and remember! Develop your skills in performing, composing, arranging and music production while experimenting with rhythms, melodies and different musical styles. Learn to create content and create impact by combining creativity, technology and your unique musical voice to connect with audiences. Collaborate on musical projects, explore diverse genres and bring your ideas to life. Whether you dream of performing, songwriting or producing music, shape the soundtrack of the future!

The Arts 2 - Dance

Get creative, build confidence and express yourself through movement! Develop your dance technique, performance and choreography skills while exploring different styles and creating your own routines. Learn to create content and create impact by using movement, music and storytelling to connect with audiences and express powerful ideas. Collaborate with others, experiment with choreography and discover how dance reflects different cultures and perspectives. As AI transforms the creative world, combine technology with imagination and develop your unique creative voice. Whether you dream of performing, choreographing music videos or working in entertainment, turn your passion into performances that inspire, connect and make an impact!

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The Arts Faculty cont.

The Arts 3 - Drama

Step into the spotlight and bring your ideas to life! Develop your acting, improvisation, directing and performance skills while creating original stories and unforgettable productions. Learn to create content and create impact by using your imagination to engage audiences, communicate ideas and tell powerful stories. Explore what happens on and off stage, collaborate with others and experiment with voice, movement, sound and staging. As AI transforms the creative world, learn to think critically, innovate and turn creativity into meaningful performances. Build confidence, communication and teamwork skills while exploring pathways in acting, directing, theatre and entertainment. Be creative, stand out and shape the future of storytelling!

The Arts 4 - Visual Art

Unleash your imagination with Visual Art – don't just create content, create impact! Bring your ideas to life through drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and digital art. Experiment with new techniques, explore inspiring artists and develop your unique creative style. As AI transforms the digital world, creative thinkers and content creators are increasingly in demand. Learn to stand out, think critically, build authentic brands and turn ideas into meaningful creative productions. Whether you dream of becoming an artist, designer or content creator, combine technology with imagination and a distinctly human perspective to shape the creative future!

Vocational Arts Faculty

Certificate II Creative Industries VET Certificate (embedded)

In Media, you'll develop hands-on skills in filming, photography, imaging, camera operation, video and audio editing, sound recording, digital animation, special effects and creating engaging content for social media. Through engaging in these areas of speciality, you'll explore how media influences the way people think, feel and see the world. You'll develop practical expertise, planning and organisation skills as well as creative problem-solving, while learning techniques professionals use to engage their audiences. You'll also experiment with different technologies, develop your own style, and learn how to make creative decisions that communicates to and connects with a wide social audience. Whether you dream of becoming a filmmaker, content creator, photographer, animator, or digital designer, Media gives you the chance to bring content to life and share it's meaning with the world. Graduate with a Certificate II Creative Industries and Certificate II Screen and Media (optional) by the conclusion of Year 12.

Languages Faculty

Japanese 1

Discover the language, culture and traditions of Japan! Develop your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills while exploring personal experiences, Japanese society and the world around you. Build your vocabulary and grammar while learning to communicate in different situations. Strengthen your intercultural understanding, critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills as you explore different perspectives and ways of life. Whether you dream of travelling, enjoying entertainment, making international friends or exploring future study and career opportunities, Japanese opens the door to a whole new world!