2026





YEAR9 SUBJECT INFORMATION BOOKLET

Learn about what subjects are being offered in 2026 at North High



Year 9 Overview

Year 9 at Bundaberg North SHS is the final year of Junior School and as such, continues to broaden the students' choice of electives in order for students to gain a better understanding of their own skills, likes and dislikes before they start to narrow their course of study towards their senior and future pathways.

We are following the Australian Curriculum requirements in terms of the subjects offered and the amount of time students participate in them. As a result, the range of subjects on offer to Year 9 students broadens as the number of compulsory subjects reduces from those studied in Years 7 and 8. This will again reduce in Year 10 to only four compulsory subjects.

The subjects on offer to Year 9 students are illustrated in the table below:

Core Subjects:	Electives: - Four (4) subjects, two (2) per semester - 3 lessons per week per subject
English (ENG) (3 lessons per week) Mathematics (MAT) (3 lessons per week) Science (SCI) (3 lessons per week) Health and Physical Education (HPE) (3 lessons per week for semester) History (HIS) (3 lessons per week for semester)	 Art Drama Media Music Digital Technologies Food Specialisation Metal Specialisation Wood Specialisation Economics and Business Civics Geography

In Term 3 of Year 8, students will be asked to complete their selection for their four (4) electives using One School they should submit these preferences in their preferred order eg first pick is what they really want to do. At this time, they will also be asked to nominate a fifth subject as their next preferred option. Every effort will be made to accommodate students into their first four preferences however, it cannot be guaranteed as usual timetable constraints apply eg class numbers, room allocations, staffing etc.

Students will know what electives they are allocated to for each semester of Year 9 by the end of Year 8.

Looking Forward:

In Term 3 of Year 9, students will be asked to select a number of electives from an even broader range of subjects which aim to prepare students for their possible senior course of study. Year 10 is seen as a preparation year for the Senior years therefore the career education and future pathways focus which commences in Term 3 of Year 9 will continue in Year 10 and beyond. More information regarding this will be given to students in Term 3.

CORE SUBJECTS –

Subject: English

Subject: Mathematics

Subject: Science

Subject: Health and Physical Education

Subject: History

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS -

HUMANITIES

Subject: Economics and Business

Subject: Civics

Subject: Geography

THE ARTS

Subject: Art

Subject: Drama

Subject: Media

Subject: Music

TECHNOLOGY

Subject: Digital Technologies

Subject: Food Specialisation

Subject: Metal Specialisation

Subject: Wood Specialisation

Art

Course Description:

Visual Art empowers students to explore and express their creativity through a range of artistic media and techniques. It provides practical opportunities for students to develop their visual literacy, critical thinking, and artistic skills. Visual Art fosters curiosity, confidence, innovation, creativity, and respect for diverse perspectives and cultures.

In Visual Art, students engage in the process of exploring ideas, experimenting with materials and techniques, creating artworks, and reflecting on their own and others' work. They develop an understanding of visual conventions and the role of artists and artworks in society. Through hands-on projects and authentic learning experiences, students create and present artworks that communicate their ideas and responses to the world around them. This is achieved through the application of critical and creative thinking, along with technical skills in various art forms.

Units of Study:

Unit 1 3D forms.

Student will: Manipulate materials techniques and processes to create subject matter. The artistic intention of this unit is to communicate a viewpoint via a ceramic sculpture influenced by artworks and displays from different cultures, times and places. The concept of the sculpture is based on the characteristics of medieval gargoyles and grotesques that display a viewpoint of fear. They will apply techniques and processes by:

- developing knowledge and understanding of ceramics and the suitability and limitations for sculptural techniques.
- analysing and evaluating characteristics of historical and cultural masks, artefacts and objects
- responding and reflecting on proposed designs
- manipulating and refining materials, techniques and processes to create a successfully resolved ceramic sculpture that communicates the artistic intention
- evaluating the effectiveness of the construction to communicate the artistic intention.

Unit 2 Painting

Student will: Manipulate materials techniques and processes to create subject matter that builds a folio of experiments relating to colour theory, painting techniques and the analysis of artworks. The artistic intention of this unit is to communicate a viewpoint about the Impressionist use of colour and the concept of using two dimensional techniques to capture the illusion of form. They will apply techniques and processes by:

- developing knowledge and understanding of Impressionist techniques
- analysing, interpreting and evaluating characteristics of historical artworks
- responding and reflecting on artworks they view and make and evaluating representations
- manipulating and refining materials, techniques and processes to create a successfully resolved painting that communicates the artistic intention

Possible Assessment:

Assessment will be balanced over the semester and is ongoing, with students receiving regular feedback.

- Making tasks (Collection of practical works)
- Responding tasks (using One Note and laptops)

Additional requirements:

Visual diary, pencil and access to internet ready device. An extensive range of resources and materials are supplied by the Art Department in relation to areas of study.

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Visual Art	Certificate II Visual ArtVisual Art (General)	Studying visual art can open doors to various career pathways including creative industries, design and innovation, visual storytelling, art and culture, education, wellness professions, entrepreneurship, and cross-disciplinary roles.

Civics

Course Description:

In Year 9, students further develop their understanding of Australia's federal system of government and how it enables change. Students investigate the features and jurisdictions of Australia's court system, including its role in applying and interpreting Australian law. They also examine global connectedness and how this is shaping contemporary Australian society and global citizenship.

Units of Study:

Governing Australia

Student will:

- Analyse the role of the Australian Constitution, the federal system of government, and the process and reasons for constitutional change
- Explain policy development and legislative processes in Australia's democracy
- Identify the key features and jurisdictions of Australia's court system and explain the role and processes
 of courts and tribunals
- use civics and citizenships knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments

Participating in civic life

Student will:

- Identify the reasons individuals and groups participate in and contribute to civic life nationally and globally
- Explain the influence of the media on reflections of identity and diversity
- Develop a range of questions and locate, select and compare information from sources to investigate political and legal systems, and contemporary civic issues
- Analyse information to explain perspectives and challenges related to political, legal or civic issues
- Identify and evaluate the methods or strategies related to civic participation or action
- use civics and citizenships knowledge, concepts and terms to develop descriptions, explanations and evidence-based arguments

Possible Assessment:

- Examination
- Multimodal presentation

Additional requirements:

N/A

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Civics and Citizenship	Legal Studies	LawLaw enforcementCriminologyJusticePolitics

Digital Technologies

Course Description:

In year 9 Digital Technologies students are expected to engage with a range of digital systems, data and processes to develop their computational thinking and problem-solving skills. They will use programming languages HTML and CSS style sheets to design and create a prototype webpage which will require them to use their knowledge of user experience design, algorithms, and digital systems. Students will explore principals of data management and security, including understanding databases and data privacy and are encouraged to reflect on the ethical and social implications of digital technologies, fostering a responsible and informed approach to their use and development.

Units of Study:

Unit 1 Designing Solutions: Using HTML & CSS to design and create simple websites

- Computational Thinking
- Design Thinking
- HTML to design simple websites
- CSS to style simple webpages

Unit 2 Networking Systems: How data is stored and transmitted in networked systems

- Software
- Hardware
- Networks
- Advanced networks and protocols
- Email, file size and compression
- Internet of Things (IOT)

Possible Assessment:

- Web Development Project
- Folio

Additional requirements:

- Headphones
- Laptop with access to the internet (if you have one)
- Download Notepad++ on device
- Access to Grok Learning website

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Digital Technologies	Information Communication and Technologies (Applied)	Digital design, Digital security, Content management, Hardware development, Marketing, Logistics, Software programmer
Skills will assist with all subjects and future studies		

Drama

Course Description:

In Year 9 Drama, students:

- Explore how Drama can bring stories to life from the imaginary and playful to the powerful and thought-provoking.
- Build their knowledge of how dramatic elements and conventions shape meaning, while learning how Drama can share stories that are funny, moving, and meaningful.
- Examine the role of storytelling within different cultures and how this informs and shapes their own work.

Units of Study:

Aligned with the Australian Curriculum, this course

- uses the style of Reader's Theatre, to provide students with opportunities to create dramatic action and meaning for an audience, developing confidence and expressive skills along the way.
- involves working with picture books to create performances for younger audiences, allowing students to discover how to use voice and gesture to entertain and engage.
- deepens student's understanding of storytelling through an in-depth study of texts related to the use of stories to create meaning in different cultures.
- strengthens skills in performance, collaboration and creative interpretation.

Possible Assessment:

Over the course of the unit, students will undertake two assessment tasks:

- a project in two parts the first part students work individually to develop a Reader's Theatre script, then
 find a partner to polish and rehearse one of their scripts for performance to an invited audience of children
 aged 4 6 years old.
- a group performance of an extract from a text studied in class.

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways		
• Drama	Drama (General)	A course of study in Drama can establish a basis for further education and employment in the field of drama, and to broader areas in creative and cultural institutions, including arts administration and management, communication, education, public relations, research and science and technology.		

Economics and Business

Course Description:

Economics and Business is a fun and relevant subject whereby students will research trending businesses to analyse and evaluate business, government and consumer decisions. The goal of the subject is to prepare you for senior Business subjects and a successful life outside of school. The target inquiry questions for Economics and Business in year 9 are;

- · Why does Australia trade with other nations?
- How do participants in the global economy interact?
- What is the role of the financial sector in the Australian economy?
- How does creating and maintaining a competitive advantage benefit businesses?
- · What processes can be used to manage financial risks and rewards?

Units of Study:

Unit 1: What are Australia's trading connections?

Student will investigate what it means for Australia to be part of the global economy, particularly through trade with the countries of Asia and the influence on the allocation of resources, and how businesses create and maintain competitive advantage. Students will examine the implications of interdependence of participants in the global economy for decision-making.

Unit 2: How does the financial world affect us?

Student will also focus on consumer and financial risks and rewards. by examining the influence of Australia's financial sector on economic decision-making for how it contributes to a prosperous economy and responds to challenges impacting on peoples' lives and choices.

Possible Assessment:

- Assessment Item 1 Short Response Exam
- Assessment Item 2 Business Report

Additional requirements:

BYO Laptop is required in every lesson

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Economics and Business	 Business (General) Accounting (General) Tourism (Applied) 	 Business management Business development Entrepreneurship Business analytics Economics Business law Accounting and finance International business Marketing Human resources management Business information systems.

Food Specialisation

Course Description:

In the Year 9 Food Specialisation course, students explore sustainability and its application in food production through two integrated units. The "Food Futures" unit studies sustainable food systems through meal kit deliveries, while "Project Food Box" focuses on designing and producing a themed meal delivery kit with sustainable principles. This course combines research and practical food development, helping students build critical thinking, creativity, and project management skills while preparing them for real-world challenges in food technology.

Units of Study:

Unit 1 Food Futures

Student will investigate sustainability principles within food production by:

- Investigating sustainability and sustainable practices
- Developing food products
- Understand the concept sustainability
- Applying principles of sustainable design in food
- Applying hygiene and safety procedures

Unit 2 Project Food Box

Student will design and create a food box by:

- Utilising the design process
- Developing and testing food products for inclusion in a food box
- · Applying hygiene and safety procedures
- Evaluating effectiveness

Possible Assessment:

- Assignment
- Practical

Additional requirements:

- Fully enclosed leather or vinyl shoes
- Ingredients supplied by home
- Complete all induction procedures and obtain parent permission

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Food Specialisation	Certificate II in Hospitality	Chef, kitchenhand, bar attendant, gaming attendant, barista, front of house service, cook, caterer, flight attendant, waiter/waitress, event manager, event planner, hotel manager

Geography

Course Description:

Year 9 Geography explores the critical roles of biomes in food security and the global interconnections created through human actions. Students examine how different biomes contribute to food production and the challenges of sustainable practices, with a focus on examples from Australia and Asia. The study also covers how products, tourism, and trade link people to places, affecting environments and necessitating effective management. By addressing key inquiry questions, students gain insights into environmental changes, the importance of global interconnections, and future implications.

Units of Study:

Unit 1 Biomes and food security

Student will focus on the biomes of the world, their characteristics and significance as a source of food and fibre by:

- examining the distribution of biomes as regions, and their contribution to food production and food security
- considering the effects of the alteration of biomes, and the environmental challenges and constraints of expanding sustainable food production in the future.

Unit 2 Geographies of interconnections

Student will focus on how people, through their choices and actions, are connected to places throughout the world in a wide variety of ways, and how these connections help to make and change places and their environments.by:

- examining the nature of these connections between people and places through the products people buy and the effects of their production on the places that make them
- considering the management of the impacts of tourism and trade on places.

Possible Assessment:

- Exam
- Project/assignment

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
HistoryGeography	 Ancient History (General) Aquatic Practices (Applied) Earth and Environmental Science (General) 	Archaeology, history, education, psychology sociology, law, business, economics, politics, journalism, media, health and social science, writing, academia, research, tour guide

Media

Course Description:

Students engage with storytelling through many forms of media. This course gives students the opportunity to understand how media creators engage audiences with stories that celebrate or challenge ideas of Australian identity.

Units of Study:

Unit 1 Photography: Pictures Are Louder Than Words

Unit 2 Sound Design: Hear This

Students will:

- investigate the ways that media artists use media arts concepts to construct representations in media arts works and practices
- reflect on their own or others' media arts works and/or practices to refine and inform choices they make during stages of the production process
- investigate the ways First Nations Australian media artists and/or producers celebrate and challenge multiple perspectives of Australian identity through media arts
- design and structure media arts works that examine and communicate ideas, perspectives and/or meaning
- apply production processes and use technologies to produce media arts works that communicate ideas, or perspectives that confirm or challenge the expectations of specific audiences
- present media arts works to audiences and plan approaches for creating relationships with audiences when media arts works are distributed in selected community or institutional contexts

Possible Assessment:

- Photography Folio which communicates social or cultural values and beliefs with written response analysing and evaluating their use of media concepts
- · Audio Story representing ideas of Australian identity with reflective statement

Additional requirements:

Wired headphones

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
Media Arts	Film, Television and New Media (General)	 advertising arts administration and management blogger/vlogger, digital content producer creative industries, e.g. animator, photographer, screenwriter, game developer film and television public relations

Music

Course Description:

Music provides students with the opportunity to perform various styles of rock and pop music, create their own compositions using digital technologies, and listen to and analyse music. As well as exploring a wide variety of musical styles, basic theory concepts will also be covered.

Units of Study:

Rock and Pop Music

Students will

- analyse different Rock and Pop scores and performances aurally and visually.
- evaluate the use of elements of music and defining characteristics from different musical styles.
- interpret and perform music with technical control, expression and stylistic understanding.
- use aural skills to recognise elements of music and memorise aspects of music such as pitch and rhythm sequences.
- use knowledge of the elements of music, style and notation to compose, document and share their music.

Possible Assessment:

- Performance
- Composition
- Written analysis and evaluation of own performance and/or composition

Additional requirements:

Plug-in (preferably 3.5mm) headphones may be required for some activities.

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways
• Music	Music in Practice (Applied)	A course of study in Music in Practice can establish a basis for further education and employment in areas such as performance, critical listening, music management and music promotions.

Metal Specialisation

Course Description:

In Year 9, students will continue to develop their understanding of the design process while increasing practical skills and craftsmanship. Students will apply their metalworking skills to projects where they design and construct solutions to given design/manufacturing problems while emphasizing creativity. This course combines technical skill development with social awareness, encouraging students to create both functional and impactful projects.

Unit of Study:

This unit engages Year 9 students to more concepts and skills involved in metalworking. Students will explore the properties of different types of materials, learn essential techniques, and understand the safe and effective use of tools and machinery. Through hands-on projects, students will design and create functional objects, applying problem-solving skills and creativity. This unit aims to develop students' technical skills, craftsmanship, and understanding of sustainability in metal production and usage.

Possible Assessment:

Assessment 1

Project: Students will complete a research project where they investigate, refine and apply different principles and concepts of design, including safety, efficiency, engineering principles and sustainability.

Assessment 2

Project: Students for this project switch things up and have a deeper look into different materials and the technologies utilised to manipulate these materials.

Requirements:

Shoes with impervious uppers (shoes that are made from leather or vinyl)

Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects		Career pathways
Metal Specialisat	rial Graphics skills (Applied) cate II in Engineering Pathways	•	Boilermaker/Welder Machinist Fabricator Fitter Mechanic

Wood Specialisation

Course Description:

In Year 9, students will continue to develop their understanding of the design process while increasing practical skills and craftsmanship. Students will apply their woodworking skills to projects where they design and construct solutions to given design/manufacturing problems while emphasizing creativity. This course combines technical skill development with social awareness, encouraging students to create both functional and impactful projects.

Unit of Study:

This unit engages Year 9 students to more concepts and skills involved in woodworking. Students will explore the properties of different types of materials, learn essential techniques, and understand the safe and effective use of tools and machinery. Through hands-on projects, students will design and create functional objects, applying problem-solving skills and creativity. This unit aims to develop students' technical skills, craftsmanship, and understanding of sustainability in wood production and usage.

Possible Assessment:

Assessment 1

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Assessment 2

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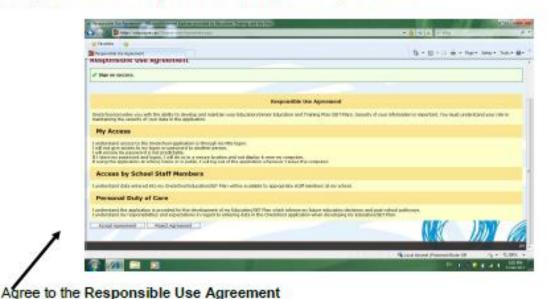
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Year 10 subjects	Year 11 & 12 subjects	Career pathways	
Wood Specialisation	 Furnishing Skills (Applied) Industrial Graphics Skills (Applied) Certificate I in Construction / Certificate II in Construction Pathways 	 Furniture Maker Cabinetmaker Carpenter/Builder Interior Designer Furniture Restoration/ Manufacturing Upholsterer 	



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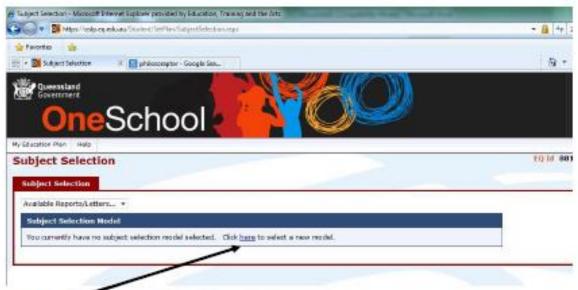
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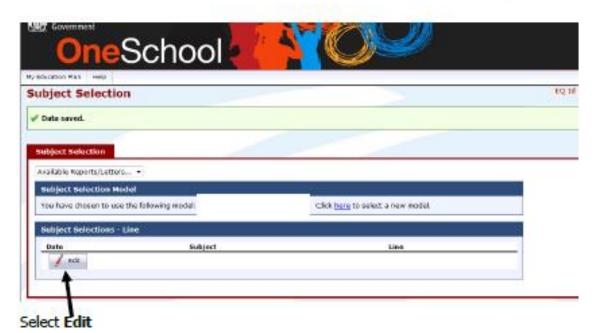
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