



SPOTSWOOD | COLLEGE
Te Kura Tuarua o Ngamotu

Year 9 Curriculum Booklet 2017



Welcome to the 2017 Spotswood College Year 9 Curriculum Information Booklet

“Me ata whiriwhiri koe te huarahi, hei tikitiki mo to mahunga”
“Choose your course wisely as you set out on the pathway to your future”

2017 will be an exciting year of opportunities for students at Spotswood College. At Spotswood, our point of difference is our diverse, inclusive and caring learning environment, this is so important to us that we are constantly looking at ways to further develop our curriculum (what is taught and learnt) to fit our students diverse learning needs.

Spotswood College has a core curriculum that offers opportunities for challenge and extension at all levels, whilst also developing the skills required for success at NCEA and beyond. At the back of this curriculum booklet you can see how our Faculties are providing multiple extension opportunities for students, from Year 9 and onwards.

This booklet outlines some of the ways in which we nurture and grow the learning potential of our students to enable them to have not only an enjoyable and successful co-educational secondary schooling experience but also to fit them for their future life choices and help them to contribute to our global community as lifelong learners. We encourage you to come to our open night on **Wednesday 10th August at 6.30pm**, to have more in-depth discussions with our teachers and management as to how we will meet the individual learning needs of your student.

In our bid to assist our students become ‘Citizens of the 21st Century’, we are developing many exciting e-learning initiatives such as:

- Our new Learning Management System called ‘Schoology’ which is changing the way that teachers, students and parents, approach and engage with learning at school. ‘Schoology’ offers the opportunity for students’ online learning both at school and home and allows parents to view what is being learnt at school.
- Our school App which is available free for Android on the Play Store and iOS mobile devices at the App Store, provides easy communication between school and home. Services include; Absentee messaging, links to study resources, school contact details, group alerts, school notices, school calendar, sport websites and also a gateway to the KAMAR Portal.
- The KAMAR Portal offers opportunities for students and parents to check academic progress, find student timetables and select academic courses.
- Our school IT infrastructure has now been upgraded and N4L Ultrafast broadband installed as part of the Ministry of Education funded scheme.
- With full wireless coverage across our school we operate a student’s BYOD (bring your own device) policy providing easy access to students (and parents) to access the growing wealth of resources and virtual lessons via Schoology and Office 365.
- As part of our ongoing e-learning initiatives, in partnership with Microsoft and the Ministry of Education, our students are able to use and download Microsoft Office 365 on to their own personal devices for use both at school and at home.
- We also have many school provided mobile devices, with over 300 laptops and 30 ipads used in all learning areas and every classroom has a data projector.



The Schoology logo features the word 'schoology' in a light blue, lowercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline 'learn. together.' is written in a smaller, white, lowercase, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a solid black rectangular background.

To support new Year 9 students on their exciting learning journey we have a special orientation programme which includes:

- All Year 9 students participating in a transition program which includes a comprehensive set of activities, including the opportunity to meet all key people within the school. This helps our learners to feel at home and supported from Day One.
- Development of a sense of belonging through team building activities organised by the PEER SUPPORT team (Year 13 students). It is great to see supportive caring relationships form between new students and our seniors.
- An introduction to special processes, places and values that define Spotswood College.

We also develop student's learning capacities by incorporating the Key Competencies (Lifelong learning skills) into every lesson. This happens through our E TŪ program. The E TŪ program encourages students to develop their learning skills with teacher support. More details about our E TŪ system are available in the parents' guide in the prospectus.



There are also many other programs and initiatives that support student achievement including:

- **Top Streamed Academic classes** in Year 9 and 10.
- **Vertical Whanau (Form) classes to begin each day. These groups enable students to form relationships outside their year level and enable a student's Whanau teacher to oversee both their pastoral care and academic programs.**
- A detailed **extension program** for able students in each Faculty (see back of curriculum booklet). This includes access to Achievement Standards (NCEA Assessments) in Year 10.
- **Individual Development Plans (I.D.P's):** These are learning conferences between the school, parent/ Whanau and student. I.D.P's provide the opportunities to discuss feedback and feed-forward (suggestions about how to improve). From these learning conversations Small Achievable Realistic Targets (SMART goals) are set which support the student in improving their attainment.
- **The Learning Centre — Piki Te Mana:** This is a centre where students may go for learning support, individual tuition or for group learning programmes. Support offered includes: Reading support for students experiencing difficulties, Year 9 Reading for Confidence and Specialist Assistance for exams
- **Experience Unit:** This unit provides education support for students with significant learning difficulties. Students achieve success by working in a non-threatening supportive environment where specialist teaching staff, who are supported by a competent team of Teacher Aides, assist students to meet their individual, social and educational goals. After assessment, individual or group therapy programmes are delivered by specialists including Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Therapists. Life skills and Work Experience within the local community are a focus of the Experience Unit.

- **Special Education Unit:** This excellent facility has a dedicated and experienced staff who cater for students requiring totally individualised support at school. Staff in the unit coordinate and facilitate student education by providing: Specialised Individual education plans and programmes, a holistic inclusive education with full in-class support, a supportive well-resourced environment, work experience, Close school/home liaison.
- **Vocational Pathways:** An award winning component of our diverse curriculum which provides a pathway for students who are interested in Trades and employment in the workforce after their time at Spotswood College. A major component of this program are work related 'Gateway Placements' and as part of the Youth Guarantee network students can also do part-time study at WITT.



YEAR 9 COURSE OF STUDY

All students must study:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Social Studies

As well, students choose **SIX** option subjects to study that are for 3 hours each per week. They are half year options, however there is the possibility of doing languages for the full year.

LANGUAGES	ARTS	TECHNOLOGIES
ESOL French Japanese Reading for Confidence Spanish Te Reo Maori	Visual Arts Band Drama Māori Performing Arts Music	Digital Technology Electronics Food and Nutrition Horticulture Materials Technology Sports Excellence Textiles

READ THE INFORMATION ON EACH OPTION CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR CHOICES

CHOOSING YOUR OPTIONS

1. Make sure you choose subjects that:
 - a. You think you will enjoy
 - b. That will be helpful for your future
 - c. Will offer you a new learning experience
2. The teacher enrolling you will help you with your choices.
3. Write down your choices here and then transfer to your enrolment form

LANGUAGES	ARTS	TECHNOLOGIES
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
Extra _____	Extra _____	Extra _____

CHOOSE AN EXTRA IN CASE YOU DO NOT GET YOUR FIRST CHOICES

YEAR 9 CORE SUBJECTS FOR 2017

ENGLISH

Year 9 English - Creating Meaning within Literacy

The Year 9 course is structured around the oral, written, and visual forms of language. Students are encouraged at this level to make meaning of ideas and information they receive (Listening, Reading and Viewing) and also create meaning for themselves and others (Speaking, Writing and Presenting). Included in the course are Novel, Film and Short Story Study, Creative and Formal Writing, Research, Speech, Static Image, Wide Reading, Unfamiliar Text and Grammar Skills. Each term is represented thematically and skills are developed at this level to create a pathway to future study in Year 10.

Fees: Nil

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics and Statistics in the New Zealand Curriculum

This course is designed to use a blend of traditional teaching methods combined with technology to teach the skills, knowledge and understanding of the mathematics required to solve everyday problems. Students will develop both numeracy knowledge and strategies to increase mathematical confidence in the classroom and in practical situations. The course consists of the following units: number, algebra, measurement, statistics and geometry. Student progress is monitored using E-Asttle testing which will be used to incorporate differentiated programs of learning leading towards pathways in senior school mathematics.

Fees: Nil Students are required to purchase an exercise book, (please purchase any exercise book with squares), a homework book (\$15.20) and a Casio fx-82 AU plus scientific calculator (\$15.20): **Please Note:** that this model calculator is required.

SCIENCE

Students will have an introduction to scientific equipment, scientific ideas and safety in the Laboratory. They will study the chemistry of substances and the behaviour of matter, and investigate the physics of energy and light. They will also study the biology of life, the importance of food and how our body processes it, and plant processes. In addition they will investigate where the Earth sits in the Solar System and its relationships with other astronomical bodies.

Fees: \$15 for SciPad Workbook

Year 9 Core Subjects continued...

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health: This course includes modules on: Values, Bullying, Sexuality Education, Smoking and Alcohol Education.

Fees: Nil

Physical Education: Physical Education promotes learning through the medium of movement. The Year 9 students, through their Physical Education course, will participate in the following practical activities: water safety, team and individual sports, team building, sports education, personal fitness and skill learning.

Fees: Nil

SOCIAL STUDIES

This course has 4 units that all students will study:

Life's About Change: This unit focuses on major issues affecting NZ. Students study issues like Global Warming and Food Miles as well as the impacts of changing technology on NZ society.

Our Uneasy World: This unit focuses on major disasters that have affected NZ like the Christchurch earthquake, volcanic eruptions. We also study the Black Death and draw comparisons between HIV/AIDS today.

Pacific Island World: Students study life, traditions and climates of the Pacific Islands people. Students focus on the movement of Pacific Islanders to NZ and the reasons for this movement.

NZ Our Home: Students study early NZ and the arrival of the Māori and how they adapted and organized themselves. In contrast students study how the Pakeha arrived in NZ and why they left their home in Europe.

Fees: Nil

2017 – YEAR 9 OPTION SUBJECTS

Choose **TWO** Option Subjects from each Learning Area:

LANGUAGES	ARTS	TECHNOLOGIES
<p>ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)</p> <p>This course will develop confidence in listening, speaking, reading, and writing to enable students from a non-English speaking back ground to achieve success in all subject areas. This is further developed in Senior ESOL working toward the required literacy credits in NCEA and/or IELTS. Students may be born in New Zealand or overseas</p> <p>Fees: \$15.00 for printing material</p> <p>FRENCH</p> <p>This is an introduction to French language and culture. Students will learn greetings, basic home and school language, dates and telling the time, through a variety of practice activities.</p> <p>Fees: \$5.00 during the year \$10.00 workbook</p>	<p>VISUAL ART</p> <p>Students will learn how to think creatively so as to equip them for their futures. They will extend their creative thinking and problem solving through generating, developing, transforming, synthesising, linking and evaluating ideas. Students will learn a variety of practical visual elements and processes within painting, printing, design and drawing to communicate, explore and experiment with their ideas. Students will learn to analyse and use visual information to inform their choices in the world. Students are encouraged to take risks in their creating, to express themselves and to develop their own independence and innovation. All of these are important skills required in their future.</p> <p>Fees: \$25.00</p>	<p>DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES</p> <p>Students will learn Document Design, Power Point Presentations, Designing Web pages with HTML, Computer Programming with Scratch, Internet Research and Spreadsheets. This is a beginner’s course.</p> <p>Fees: \$5.00 to cover printing costs</p> <p>ELECTRONICS</p> <p>Students will learn about the Design Process. They will investigate simple electronics and control systems, programming a PICAXE microprocessor and manufacturing a small electronic product.</p> <p>Fees: \$30.00 for the 6 month course</p>

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<p data-bbox="192 304 775 363">JAPANESE</p> <p data-bbox="192 395 775 703">This is an introduction to Japanese language and culture. Students will learn to communicate in Japanese about themselves, things around them, time and numbers. They will begin to read and write Japanese script and characters and learn about Japan’s location, culture, major features and about schools in Japan.</p> <p data-bbox="192 746 584 783">Fees: \$5.00 during the year.</p> <p data-bbox="192 831 775 890">READING CONFIDENCE</p> <p data-bbox="192 922 730 1031">This Literacy Lifting course gives students with low literacy levels an opportunity to read and write on a regular basis.</p> <p data-bbox="192 1078 707 1225">High interest, easy reading material is available as is the use of audio material, computer guided programmes and the guided reading programme.</p> <p data-bbox="192 1273 752 1342">The focus is on the development of reading for meaning and basic literacy skills.</p> <p data-bbox="192 1374 327 1406">Fees: Nil</p>	<p data-bbox="813 272 1485 336">BAND</p> <p data-bbox="801 384 1402 416">NOTE: Students select either BAND or MUSIC</p> <p data-bbox="801 464 875 496">Band</p> <p data-bbox="801 544 1514 775">This is a music course that provides the opportunity to learn an instrument from this list: saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion, violin, viola, cello, double bass AND optionally one instrument from this list: guitar, bass, drums, vocals, piano/keyboard.</p> <p data-bbox="801 807 1491 919">If a student wants to learn two instruments from the SAME list then this may be possible depending on demands for those instruments.</p> <p data-bbox="801 959 1491 1031">For one or both instruments we will be learning how to read music notation.</p> <p data-bbox="801 1078 1458 1230">Fees: \$10.00 for materials per half year includes: (photocopying, workbook/folder, supplying music, strings, repairs to instruments/equipment that students use).</p> <p data-bbox="801 1262 1167 1294">See MUSIC Option for costs</p>	<p data-bbox="1554 272 2136 336">FOOD AND NUTRITION</p> <p data-bbox="1536 376 2074 528">Students will learn about safe food preparation and practices, food design process, basic nutrition and prepare food items.</p> <p data-bbox="1536 560 2029 592">Fees : \$60.00 for the 6 month course</p> <p data-bbox="1554 632 2136 695">HORTICULTURE</p> <p data-bbox="1536 727 2130 991">Using the school vegetable/amenity gardens and forest block students will maintain a variety of gardens and plants. Propagation techniques from seed and cuttings will be carried out and a range of plant management techniques will be used. Preparing landscape designs is part of this course.</p> <p data-bbox="1536 1023 1671 1054">Fees: Nil</p> <p data-bbox="1554 1086 2136 1150">MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY - WOOD</p> <p data-bbox="1536 1182 2130 1326">Students will learn about the Design Process. They will learn about the different classes of levers by constructing and developing simple wooden toys.</p> <p data-bbox="1536 1334 2029 1366">Fees: \$60.00 for the 6 month course</p>

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<p data-bbox="190 311 772 363">SPANISH</p> <p data-bbox="190 427 750 576">This is an introduction to Spanish language and culture. Students will learn to greet, give personal information and describe feelings, actions, likes and dislikes.</p> <p data-bbox="190 624 772 772">They will learn to use the calendar, numbers and colours, tell the time, talk about the weather and gain knowledge of Hispanic history and geography.</p> <p data-bbox="190 820 582 852">Fees: \$5.00 during the year.</p>	<p data-bbox="817 311 1489 363">DRAMA</p> <p data-bbox="801 416 1458 564">Students will learn to use vocal and physical performance skills through exploration of drama techniques, drama elements and a range of drama conventions and styles.</p> <p data-bbox="801 571 1503 683">Students are expected to participate fully in practical group work and will have opportunities to perform to their peers.</p> <p data-bbox="801 715 1480 826">Fees: \$15.00 for attendance at professional drama performance and towards production costs (e.g. stage makeup and costumes)</p>	<p data-bbox="1534 311 2145 363">SPORTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME</p> <p data-bbox="1534 411 2145 831">To participate in this programme, students will need to have an interest in sport. The course will include a range of fitness testing and a variety of games and activities that will develop game understanding and spatial awareness. Within these games students will learn to work positively and collaboratively in a team and develop leadership skills. Students will set goals to build confidence and provide motivation and will be expected to keep a reflective log.</p> <p data-bbox="1534 879 1668 911">Fees : Nil</p>
<p data-bbox="190 997 772 1050">TE REO MAORI</p> <p data-bbox="190 1091 750 1353">This is a foundation course in which all students will develop competence in oral and aural Māori, have the ability to comprehend and write basic Māori and through practical experiences, gain a basic knowledge and understanding of Māori values and protocol.</p> <p data-bbox="190 1362 324 1394">Fees: Nil</p>	<p data-bbox="817 997 1489 1050">MAORI PERFORMING ARTS</p> <p data-bbox="801 1107 1503 1257">The students will participate in Māori Performing Arts such as waiata and haka. They will also study Māori culture, including tikanga, harakeke, poi and food preparation</p> <p data-bbox="801 1289 974 1321">Fees: \$5.00</p>	<p data-bbox="1534 997 2123 1050">TEXTILES</p> <p data-bbox="1534 1107 2130 1257">Students will learn about the Design Process. They will investigate fibres/fabrics, designing and making a textile toy, creative creature and fun beanies.</p> <p data-bbox="1534 1305 2033 1337">Fees: \$55.00 for the 6 month course</p>

MUSIC

Music

A main requirement of this course is to play pieces of music in front of an audience as well as learn techniques and skills on your chosen instrument(s) and/or singing.

You are advised to have weekly lessons for your instrument /singing. You will develop your skills in song writing/composition, how to: read/write notes and rhythms, play chords (choice of guitar/ukulele/keyboard), - use basic piano skills, and develop basic drumming skills. Singing is strongly encouraged!

Fees: \$10.00 for materials per half year includes: (photocopying, workbook/folder, supplying music, strings, repairs to instruments/equipment that students use). Instrument lessons and instrument are available :

Instrument/ Vocal lessons \$10.00 per term

Instrument Hire \$10.00 per term

Drum maintenance \$5.00 per half year

Saxophone and clarinet reeds: 1 free per term then \$6.00 each after that.