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Junior Courses for 2025



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Introduction:

The year will be divided into two semesters. This means that students will not necessarily have to do a full year course unless they select to do so in the senior school.

Junior Courses:

Students in the junior school must choose an English, Mathematics and PE / Health course per semester. Students can only choose a course once. In the Junior school, students must choose at least one Te Reo course per year, however they can choose more than one Te Reo course per semester. Students have the option to choose any of the following subjects to fill their timetable:

- Art
- Dance
- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Sciences
- Physical Education / Health
- Technology
- Te Reo Maori



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Curriculum Coverage:

Over the two years any year 9 or 10 student must have the necessary curriculum coverage to prepare them for the senior school. All courses will be offered to multi-level classes (Years 9 and 10 combined). This means that the students will have a wider range of learning opportunities.

Literacy and Numeracy:

Students will have the opportunity to sit these exams during years 9 and 10. Opportunities will be given to students to sit the Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessments (CAAs) to gain their 10 credits for Literacy and 10 for Numeracy. All courses will have aspects of Literacy and Numeracy to prepare the students.

How to choose your courses:

1. Read through the courses before making a decision
2. You need to choose an English, Mathematics and Physical Education and Health (A green, yellow and blue course) for each semester
3. Choose a Te Reo Maori course per year
4. These courses can be chosen in whichever line you wish to have it in.
5. Complete your choices by filling in the option form at the end of the booklet
6. It's important to remember that you can choose a course only once over the two years (years 9 and 10)
7. Complete the form and submit it
8. Write the course code of your first choice and your backup course on the form.
9. Complete both semester 1 and semester 2 courses



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M1MATART	Mathematics Through Art	Discover different units of measurement, create a Mondrian-inspired art piece, discover tessellations and transformations, and develop an in-depth understanding of Geometry. Look at the connections between Measurement, Geometry and Art and create your own unique pieces of Art.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PA1MUSIC	Essential skills	Students interested in a pathway in music should consider this course. Learn the basic skills needed to understand how music works. Learn how to apply this knowledge with an instrument and express your creativity. This course will also help you to build your literacy skills through a music pathway. Music is a great way to explore your creative side while developing your literacy skills at the same time.	1 or 2	Music
PE1HART	Heart Sport	This course will provide you with an opportunity to participate in a variety of physical activities and sports. The focus of this course is to ensure that you participate in physical activity regardless of your expertise. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
SC1NGATA	Te Ngahere me te Tangata	A General Science course that explores native bush and human impact as part of a Māori-centred, place-based, Mountains to the Sea programme. This course covers many aspects of the Science National Curriculum L3-5 and is a must for students aiming to study Science at NCEA Level 1 and beyond.	1 or 2	Science
SS1DUST	Ko wai tatou?	An exciting, fast-paced course where you will learn about people in Whanganui, Aotearoa and the World. How did people first arrive in New Zealand? How have people migrated? Our Special Topic: Dust-bowl migration in the United States.	1 or 2	Social Science



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TE1CMSS	Create and make with soft stuff	This course explores the properties and techniques related to working with soft materials to create sustainable items, with an emphasis on manaakitanga principles. Students will gain an understanding of the unique characteristics and technical development of soft materials, learn various shaping and forming techniques, and apply these skills to create eco-friendly items that are made for real-life purposes. This is a compulsory course for students intending to pursue a technology pathway at senior level.	1 or 2	Technology



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TE1DFL	Design for life.	We are surrounded by design. Everything we use, wear and consume has been through a design process leading to manufacture. However, this has led to a lot of waste being produced. Learn about the design process through applying the 6 R's to commonly discarded products. Discover your creativity through sketching, CAD software and modeling. Realise your design by creating mock-ups, models and prototypes of your solutions.	1 or 2	Technology
TR1KAKAN	Te Kakano	Basic sentence structures This course covers areas of listening, speaking and writing in te reo Māori. You will learn how to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use te reo Māori in everyday conversation; • Learn about history, waiata and haka from Whanganui and other iwi across Aotearoa; • Understand the connection between Maori me te ao through pūrākau, and many other aspects that contribute to te reo Māori me ōna tikanga. 	1 or 2	Te Reo Maori
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T1GAME	Junior Gaming	This course will provide opportunities to explore and create a range of games, using different media. This includes learning how to design, develop, test and use feedback in the development of your games. You will also have the chance to explore and experiment with computer coding languages as you build different games.	1 or 2	Digital Technology
PA1DANCE	Junior Dance Studies	This course introduces students to multiple dance genres, in a fun and inclusive way. Not only will students be focusing upon building their practical dance skills and knowledge, they will be learning skills in choreography and discovering how to use and implement the elements of dance in effective ways. Through game play, collaborative movement generation, and learning of dance phrases; students will have the opportunity to explore different modes of performance and foster confidence to share their movement with peers.	1 or 2	Dance
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M1PUPRPB	Puzzles, Prizes and Problems	We will be looking at the link between Number and Algebra. Our focus will be on problem-solving and how we can use the Number and Algebra rules to solve it.	1 or 2	Mathematics
PA1DANCE	Junior Dance Studies	This course introduces students to multiple dance genres, in a fun and inclusive way. Not only will students be focusing upon building their practical dance skills and knowledge, they will be learning skills in choreography and discovering how to use and implement the elements of dance in effective ways. Through game play, collaborative movement generation, and learning of dance phrases; students will have the opportunity to explore different modes of performance and foster confidence to share their movement with peers.	1 or 2	Dance
PE1TAKAR	Ngā Taonga Tākaro	This course will provide you with an opportunity to learn about and engage in a combination of physical activities relating to traditional Māori games. You will be expected to wear the correct school Physical Education uniform for all practical lessons.	1 or 2	Physical Education and Health
SS1IRISH	Ko wai tatou?	This interesting Social Studies course is one where you will learn about migration throughout history. How have people travelled to and from Whanganui, Aotearoa and the World? Our Special Topic: Irish migrations, Jewish migrations	1 or 2	Social Science
VA1DRAW	Visual Art - Drawing Basics	This course is a basic drawing course. It covers ideas and concepts around pencil technique, creating space and using perspective. It is a good beginner course with introductions to the Basic concepts.	1 or 2	Art



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E1SPRT	Supersport	This course will be based around the theme of Sport and Sporting identities. Ākonga will be learning about language and literature through this context. Ākonga will develop skills in reading, writing, speaking and presenting. There will be a focus on learning about hunting and fishing in the past and the present.	1 or 2	English
MA1NPTN	Te Ngahere me te awa (Forests & the river)	This course discovers tessellations and transformations, creates an inspired art piece, and develops an in-depth understanding of Patterns & Graphs. It interweaves mathematics and te ngahere me te awa.	1 or 2	Mathematics
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TD1DIGIT	Junior Digital Technology	This course will provide opportunities to explore a range of digital technology outcomes. This includes website design, practical coding challenges and robotics. This course also focuses on developing good file management procedures such as saving and naming files and folders correctly.	1 or 2	Digital Technology
TE1FDMA	Food Magic	This course explores the magic of food and the impact this has had on humans . Learn how advances in food technology have changed society from the past to the present and into the future. Learn what happens to the components of food as processing operations are undertaken. Apply this knowledge to create tasty new food products from scratch.	1 or 2	Technology



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Name:	Whanau:	Year:
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Course Selection:

Choose the course that you would like to do in each line with a backup choice

Semester <u>ONE</u>							
	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Line 7
1st Choice							
Backup							

Semester <u>TWO</u>							
	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Line 7
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