Tauranga Boys' College

Year 9
COURSE and OPTION INFORMATION

2016

All Year 9 Students study 28 periods Per Week		
English	**- 4pds per week**	**They are to choose**
Mathematics	**- 4pds per week**	**2 Arts Options (Both 4pds for 1 term)** **3 other Options (Both 4pds for 1 term)**
Science	**- 4pds per week**	
Social Studies	**- 4pds per week**	
Health & PE	**- 4pds per week**	
Technology	**- 4pds, for 2 terms**	
Digital Technologies	**- 4pds for 1 term**	

Accelerate Programme

The Tauranga Boys' College Accelerate Programme is challenging. It provides an academic platform for a few select boys from which they can advance their level of knowledge and understanding of key subjects beyond their peers.

Selection and continuing involvement is dependent on academic success. Students need to be focused on performing at the highest level for each of the core classes including: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Health & Physical Education. Students also need to display the characteristics and values considered fundamental to success in an accelerated environment including: motivation, determination, initiative and time management. Selection for this programme takes into consideration the entrance test, Year 8 achievement data and evidence, and the Year 8 teacher recommendation.

BYOD Classroom

The BYOD Classroom will involve a blended approach to learning. Students will use digital technologies as a platform to enhance teaching and learning. Boys opting for this programme will be required to bring their own device (meeting TBC BYOD specifications) with them to school each day. They will us the device primarily in core subjects – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and PE & Health.

Te Reo Māori

Te Reo Māori is an subject *(4 periods, 1 term)* that all our Year 9 Māori boys study. Māori language is the foundation of Māori culture and identity. Learning in and through Māori language is an important way for our Māori boys to participate in Te Ao Māori. It supports students to connect with their identity as Māori and provides all Māori students with the opportunity to realize their unique potential; to succeed as Māori.

Arts Options - choose 2

ART Code**: 9ART**

A practical course that is designed to improve creativity and skills in drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Students produce original works in a variety of different media and retain work in their own folio. Offered through to Year 13. **Take Home Stationery fee: $10**

DRAMA Code**: 9DRA**

Students will work together co-operatively in groups to present a variety of dramas in front of their classmates. The emphasis of the course is on understanding the processes behind devising and developing dramas. Offered through to Year 13.

MEDIA ART Code**: 9MDA**

A digital-based course which combines Photoshop and Flash to produce electronic images. Offered through to Year 12. **Take Home Stationery fee: $10**

You cannot study BOTH Art and Media Design.

MAORI PERFORMING ARTS Code**: 9MPA**

This particular programme provides an opportunity for all students in Year 9 to be introduced and exposed to Maori Performing Arts in the medium of haka (traditional Maori war dance), mau rakau (traditional war dance using Maori weaponry) waiata and waiata-a-ringa or song.

MUSIC Code: **9MUS**

A broad-based introductory course designed to foster an understanding and enjoyment of a wide range of musical styles and types. A student workbook is supplied. Offered through to Year 13.

Take Home Stationery fee: $10

Other Options - choose 3

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE STUDIES Code: **9BES**
A practical hands-on course where students learn about the skills of becoming a successful risk-taker (entrepreneur), and run their own business. **Offered through to Year 13**.

CARVING - BONE Code**: 9CAB**
The course teaches basic bone carving skills leading up to designing and making necklace ornaments, combs, and fishhooks. Offered through to Year 13. **Take Home Materials Fee: $15**

CARVING - WOOD Code**: 9CAR**
The course teaches wood carving skills leading up to one or more of the following projects - a decorative name plate, a mere, waka huia or a display piece. **Take Home Materials Fee: $15**

FILM MAKING Code**: 9FIL**
Practical film making - planning, videoing, editing and presenting using digital video cameras and iMOVIE computer software. Students will work in a group to create their own film.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY Code**: 9FTC**
This course involves 2 practical and 2 theory lessons per week. The course covers food safety, food hygiene and meal planning. The course has a strong focus on developing practical skills and encouraging students to be creative when cooking. **Take Home Stationery Fee: $25**

GRAPHICS Code: **9GRA**
An interesting introduction to graphic communication (technical drawing). Students will start to gain the necessary drawing skills and knowledge used in areas such as architecture, media, advertising, engineering, technology, the environment and computer-aided drawing (CAD). All equipment will be provided. Offered through to Year 13. **Take Home Stationery Fee: $5**

INDUSTRY TRADES Code**: 9ITR**
This course is aimed at students who are more successful with "hands on" tasks. The students will undertake an industry-focused course that teaches mostly skills and processes through the completion of practical projects. Knowledge and skills gained will assist them to be more successful in trade-related courses in the senior school and provide a starting point in a career pathway to industry and the trades. **Take Home Materials Fee: $15**

INQUIRY LEARNING Code: **9INQ**
Students will an understanding of the inquiry cycle, including the development of fresh and creative ideas through fertile questions, analysing evidence, IT research techniques, writing a report and presenting to their peers. **Take Home Stationery Fee: $7**
Full time inquiry students CANNOT select this option

JAPANESE Code**: 9JAP**
Introduction to the fascinating culture and language in the language of one of our most important trading partners, with a focus on communication. **Offered through to Year 13 $30**

LATIN Code**: 9LAT**
An introduction to this important and classical European language, which gives students an excellent foundation for their understanding and grasp of all other European languages.

MANDARIN Code**: 9MAN**
Students will be introduced to simple Chinese characters, and cover topics such as: introductions; family; food; sport; health, while using them in meaningful and relevant contexts. Pre-requisite for Mandarin in Year 10. **Take Home Stationery Fee: $15**

PHILOSOPHY Code**: 9PHI**
This course looks at thinking about and discussing issues such as friendship, violence, humour, good and bad. The students decide what will be discussed. The teacher will help them to develop thinking skills, which will be applicable to all subjects.

READING Code: **9RDG**
A course which helps catch-up those with under-developed reading and comprehension skills.
Students with a low reading age will be required to take this course instead of one of their other option choices

SPANISH Code**: 9SPA**

An introduction to the flamboyant cultures and language that will be of increasing importance to New Zealand's commercial future, with a focus on communication. **Offered through to Year 13.**

Take Home Materials Fee: $30

SPORTS STUDIES Code**: 9SPT**

This course covers training methods and skill acquisition. For those students who want to enhance their sports skills in a range of activities.

TE REO MĀORI Code**: 9MAO**

An in-depth study of Māori language (written, oral, aural and visual). No previous knowledge necessary. All Year 9 Māori students take this option. ***Aronui students do not select this option***

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME (SPORTS)

The philosophy of the High Performance Programme is to create athletes who perform consistently at their potential athletically and academically, and who portray the ideals of positive role models to their peers.

The aim of this programme is to enhance students who are gifted and talented in the field of sports performance. The programme offers appropriate knowledge and training for athletes that reflect their needs as they

a. Physically develop
b. Cognitively develop
c. Socially develop

At senior level students will gain NZQA recognition for their training and knowledge in their field of excellence. At the junior level work will build a foundation of knowledge to be successful in NCEA Levels 1-3.

At the beginning of Year 9, **all applicants** gain acceptance to Stage 1 of the programme. This is known as the Athlete Development Programme and runs in conjunction with Titans Sport and the AUT Millennium Institute. This involves committing to one before school training (term one and two). Stage 2 is the final selection of the Year 9 High Performance Class (60 athletes). This will be based on the level of performance in their Junior teams at Tauranga Boys' College, and recommendations from the staff involved with the Athlete Development Programme.

It is important to understand that selection into the High Performance Programme is a privilege and if students do not continue to fulfil the criteria of being a 'High Performance Athlete' then they will be given one written warning, and any breach thereafter will mean removal from this course and transfer into another course. Due to the nature of sport, students develop at different rates, therefore acceptance one year does not guarantee acceptance for the following year.

You will need to tick the box on the option form that indicates you wish to be considered for the High Performance Programme.

You will need to put together a sporting curriculum vitae which includes:

a. Your sporting achievements over the last 2 years, i.e. teams you have represented.
b. Why will a course of this nature help you reach your goals?

Please tick the box on the option form that indicates you wish to be considered for the High Performance Programme. ***Do not enter High Performers Programme (Sports) in the choice of options.*** *Choose a full list of other options in case your application is unsuccessful.*

Fees

Please note that some options have materials costs associated with them. All relate to take home or stationery items that the students keep. They are extra to the normal curriculum resource materials covered by the College. These costs listed are indicative only. Accounts for these material costs are sent out early in Term One next year.