

The Arts class aims to enrich students' creative and critical thinking, communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills so as to extend their talents, skills and perspectives of the world. An Arts education is closely linked to almost everything that we say we want for our children and demand from our schools: academic achievement, social and emotional development, civic engagement, and equitable opportunity.

Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in Maths, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, problem-solving and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence and teamwork.

Students will participate in the same curriculum presented to all Year 7 Students. However, The Arts class will have enriched, focus experiences in:

- The Creative and Performing Arts Visual Arts, Music, Drama,
- English- Imaginative writing, Poetry, Public Speaking and Debating
- H.S.I.E.— History and Geography



STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM is important because it pervades every part of our lives. Science is everywhere in the world around us. Technology is continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives. Engineering is an example of the application of Maths, Science and Technology. Mathematics is in every occupation and every activity we do in our lives. STEM integrates multiple disciplines to provide opportunities to see how concepts relate to life. It is not a stand-alone subject, rather a group of subjects that work together. STEM activities provide hands-on and minds-on lessons for the student.

Students will participate in the same curriculum presented to all Year 7 students. However, The STEM class will have enriched, focus experiences in: Mathematics, Technology and Applied Science (TAS) and Science.

Students applying for The Arts or STEM classes will need to have a passion and motivation for learning and developing their skills and potential high achievement through any of these specialist areas.