



TE KURA PI'OPATANGA O W'AKAA'URANGI  
**TARANAKI  
DIOCESAN**  
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



# Junior Options Book 2026

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## Option Subjects 2026

This booklet is to help you make wise subject choices for next year. Read this booklet carefully. You are making very important decisions. Make your decisions for the right reasons after seeking advice from your parents, subject teachers, dean, or whoever you think appropriate.

### **Year10 Structure**

At Year10 students are required to take English, Health, Mathematics, Physical Education Social Studies, Science and Religious education as core subjects. Aside from these compulsory subject areas, students must choose two further option subjects.

For our option subjects these classes will only run if there are sufficient numbers and staffing for the course.

## Flow of Subjects

Course	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11 NCEA Level 1	Year 12 NCEA Level 2	Year 13 NCEA Level 3 & 4
<b>Art*</b>	Art	Art	Visual Art	Visual Art-Painting	Visual Art - Painting
				Visual Art-Photography	Visual Art-Photography
				Visual Art-Design	Visual Art-Design
<b>Drama*</b>	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama	Drama
<b>English</b>	English	English	English	English	English
<b>Fabric Technology*</b>	Clothing and Textiles Technology	Clothing and Textiles Technology	Materials and Processing Technology	Clothing and Textiles Technology	Clothing and Textiles Technology
<b>Food Technology*</b>	Food Technology	Food Technology and Nutrition	Home Economics	Home Economics	Home Economics
<b>Health and Physical Education</b>	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education	Physical Education
	Health	Health	Health	Health	Health
<b>Languages*</b>	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori	Te Reo Māori
<b>Mathematics</b>	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematics and Statistics	Statistics and Modelling
					Maths with Calculus
<b>Music*</b>	Music	Music	Music	Music	Music
<b>Science*</b>	Science	Science	Science	Biology	Biology
	Agriculture & Horticulture	Agriculture & Horticulture	Agriculture & Horticulture	Biology Chemistry Physics	Biology Chemistry Physics
<b>Social Studies</b>	Social Studies	Social Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies	Business Studies
			Geography	Geography	Geography
			History	History	History
				Classical Studies	Classical Studies
<b>Religious Ed.</b>	Religious Ed.	Religious Ed.			
<b>Distance Learning</b>				STAR and Gateway	STAR and Gateway
				Travel and Tourism	Travel and Tourism
				Outdoor Ed.	TOPEC
	Te Kura	Te Kura	Te Kura	Te Kura	Te Kura

\* Year 10 Option Line Subjects

\*\*Classes will only run if there are sufficient numbers

## AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

### Course Description

Learn about New Zealand's primary industries. We will focus on sustainable, community-based initiatives that can be used in home gardens and commercial agriculture. We are exceptionally well-resourced with gardens, livestock and our local community resources. The course is practical with some theory.

### Assessment

- Practical and written assignments

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course, this course will contain take-home components. Cost for this course is approximately \$40.00.

### Course Requirements

- Gardening gloves, Gumboots and a 1B8 book

### Where does it lead?

- NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 Agricultural and Horticultural Science and Agribusiness.
- Tertiary qualifications which can be undertaken at farm cadet schools, training colleges or (for the more academic students) universities.
- Careers in a range of primary industries here in New Zealand and abroad.



## ART

### Course Description

To extend understanding and skill in art fields particularly in drawing and painting, providing a good knowledge and skill base for NCEA in the senior school. Practical knowledge, study of artist models and processes with analogue and digital art-making tools.

### Course Inclusions

- Drawing skills, Mixed Media Paintings, Printmaking processes, Clay sculpture and Digital design skills

### Assessment

Each unit of work will be assessed as a portfolio of artworks and artist investigations.

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course, this course will contain take-home components. Cost for this course is approximately \$30.00.

### Course Requirements

- 2B and 6B pencil
- Selection of paintbrushes
- A4 Visual diary

### Where does it lead?

- NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 Art specialising in Painting, Design or Photography
- Careers in Creative Arts, Photography or Design



## DRAMA

### Course Description

To develop knowledge and ideas, interpretation and performance skills.

- Use elements, techniques and conventions to develop and improvise.
- Initiate ideas, communicate and interpret using a variety of dramatic contexts.
- Develop use of voice, movement, gesture and facial expression.
- Develop knowledge of theatre craft, including costume design, mask-making, lighting, sound, make-up and directing.
- Increase confidence and the ability to perform in front of others.



### Assessment

Work books and Practical assessments

### Cost

Purchase of a 1B8 exercise book.

### Where does it lead?

NCEA Levels 1, 2 & 3 Drama, Career in Theatre, Set design, Makeup, Media, Law, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations.

## FABRIC TECHNOLOGY

### Course description

Students will be exploring a range of applied design techniques to embellish fabric. We will be developing measuring and construction skills to ensure a good fit and to add style features to garments. Research assignments will develop subject specific vocabulary on the properties of fabrics and the signature style of fashion designers.

Course units: Lounge wear, New Zealand fashion designers, Creative denim bag design, Upcycled fashion and Screen-printed sweatshirts and hoodies

### Course requirements

- Sewing kit and 2xA4 visual diaries
- Fabric requirements:
  - 1 to 2 m woven or stable knit cotton fabric for lounge wear
  - 2m polar fleece or sweatshirt fabric

### Assessment

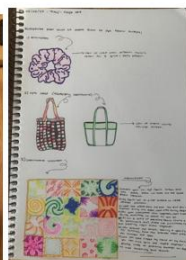
Completed garment and workbook at the end of each assignment.

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course, this course will contain take home components. Cost of this course will be approximately \$50.00

### Where does it lead?

NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3  
Fabric Technology.  
Careers in Fashion, textile design, theatre costume and the science of fabrics.



## FOOD TECHNOLOGY and NUTRITION

### Course Description

Students will be able to learn about the role food plays in the physical, emotional and intellectual process of growth and how it meets the needs of different people. They will develop skills to prepare food successfully and safely. They will understand where their food comes from and why we cook it.

Learning could take place in the following contexts.

- Hauora and Nutrition
- MasterChef competition – food preparation, presentation and sensory analysis
- Food Culture
- Food Safety
- Food Science

### Assessment

End of unit tests and assignments

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course, this course will contain take-home components. The cost for this course is approximately \$60.00

### Where does it lead?

NCEA Level 1 Food and Nutrition, NCEA Level 2 Home Economics and NCEA Level 3 My Healthy Lifestyle, Career in Food Sciences, Food Management and Safety, Hospitality, Dietetics, Human Nutrition, Food Technology.

## LANGUAGE – Te Reo Maori



### Course Description

This course aims to further develop students' ability to communicate in Te Reo Māori as well as to promote greater understanding of Te ao Māori (world). This course offers opportunities to kōrero (speak), Whakarongo (listen), tuhituhi (write) me pānui (read) in Te Reo Māori. Our class study best with classroom hui and practical, hands on experiences. There may be some opportunities to attempt some assessments at Level one.

### Learning Outcomes

- Students can make use of context and familiar language to work out meaning and relationships between things, events and ideas
- Students understand and respond to combinations of visual and verbal language and their significance in communicating information and ideas to specific audiences.

### Assessment

There are summative assessments in the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing throughout the course.

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course the purchase of a Course Workbook is highly recommended. This complements the text used in class. Approximate cost for this is \$35.00

### Where does it lead?

Year 10 Te Reo Maori will continue in to NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. A career in languages as an interpreter, diplomatic service or just general travel.

## MUSIC

### Course Description

This course is aimed at developing enjoyment in writing and making music with a variety of instruments with a focus on ukulele, keyboard, guitar and singing. This will include learning about musical genres, reading notation, composing, and playing music together and individually. Students are encouraged to learn an instrument to gain the most from this course. Students will have the opportunity to perform as soloists or in groups and compete in competitions such as the school talent quest, Play it Strange and Rock Quest or just enjoy playing music with other musicians.



### Learning Outcomes

- Students can identify and describe the characteristics of music associated with a range of sound environments.
- Students can apply knowledge of the elements of music such as structural devices, technology, practical performance, and theoretical skills to produce a composition.
- Students can prepare, rehearse, and present performance of music, using performance skills and techniques.

### Assessment

There are summative assessments in 3 areas: Reading and Writing Music, Practical Performance and Following a Creative Process for Composition.

### Cost

Due to the specialised nature of this course the purchase of a Course Workbook, Manuscript Book (5-lined pages for music writing) and a wired headphones (3mm plug) is highly recommended. This complements the content taught in class. Approximate cost for this is \$35.00

### Where does it lead?

Year 10 Music will continue in to NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3.



## YEAR 10 OPTIONS (Full Year) 3 periods per week

Please fill in and return this form to the office.

### Year 10 Option Subjects

- Agriculture & Horticulture
- Art
- Drama
- Fabric Technology
- Food Technology and Nutrition
- Language – Te Reo Māori
- Music

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank your choices for Year 10 options

Option 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Option 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include any other subjects you might be interested in so that we can look at setting up options lines.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Chubb, Assistant Principal.